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In one sector alone, says the High Command, a big force of Nazi motorised troops was annihilated while Nazi heavy artillery sufficient to equip two full divisions was destroyed.

Russian guerilla units behind the German lines continued to inflict heavy losses.

In the battle zones covering the approaches to Leningrad, declares the High Command, a Red army infantry division trapped an enemy formation, capturing 189 lorries, five tanks, four armoured cars, two 'planes and six heavy guns.

At another point, our troops surrounded concentrations of enemy tanks and artillery and destroyed 300 enemy lorries and two divisions' heavy artillery.

Very heavy fighting continues at the key points along the battlefield. — International News Service.

"Last Reserves"

The extraordinary claim that the "Soviet Army have been compelled to throw in their last reserves," is made by the official German News Agency, presumably in line with its tradition of advancing far ahead of the High Command.

The message also claims that the Germans are now 375 miles from the former Russo-German demarcation line and "once more the vast battle of annihilation is in progress," this time east of the Stalin Line.

This time, says DNB we shall not allow the enemy the breathing space they so much desire."

Smolensk

Military commentators in London point out that the penetration of 375 miles most generously measured would not put the German advance beyond Smolensk, at which town fighting has long been admitted, and that the "throwing in of the last reserves of the Russians" would be a much more convincing claim if Berlin had not thrown in the Soviet's "last reserves" several times already.

It may also be pointed out that while DNB continues on the grandiose model, a radio commentator speaking from Berlin yesterday said: "Conditions on the Soviet front are much more difficult than in France so that the required time will necessarily be longer."—Reuter.

JAPANESE MOVE EXPECTED

(By Reuter's Chief Correspondent In The Far East)

Although there has been a temporary lull in the excitement concerning Japan's actions, well-informed observers in Singapore expect something to materialise in Indo-China shortly.

It is now felt that the departure of Admiral Decoux, Indo-China's Governor-General, to Hanoi, seat of the Japanese Military Mission yesterday is the forerunner of some new development in Indo-China.

This belief seems to be borne out by the fact the Japanese Boundary Mission in Thailand think his visit is connected with the work of the Mission.

"The Indo-China bag will soon be opened and the cat—if there is a cat inside—will soon be out," one highly-placed observer commented cryptically to me yesterday. Developments are being watched keenly but calmly by the whole of the democratic front in the Far East.—Reuter.

SPITFIRE TAKES ON FIVE

Daylight attacks on a factory at Lille in Northern France by the Royal Air Force were reported in the following British Air Ministry communique which stated:—

"R.A.F. bombers escorted by a strong force of fighters to-day (Monday) carried out attacks on a factory at Lille and on enemy shipping off the French coast. A number of enemy fighters were encountered and seven of them were destroyed. Our losses were three fighters missing."

Two Downed

A later Air Ministry announcement raised the total of German fighters shot down to eight.

Describing the air battles over Northern France and the Channel, the Air Ministry News Service says that one British pilot attacked two German fighters which were immediately joined by three more. He took on all five single-handed. When one Messerschmitt had blown up and another had burst into flames, the other three broke off the fight and fled and the British pilot rejoined his squadron.—Reuter.

PANAMA CANAL RESTRICTIONS

Mr. Sumner Welles, acting Secretary of State, was asked at his press conference yesterday about reports that Japanese ships awaiting permission for transit through the Panama Canal, had been ordered to proceed to Japan immediately via Cape Horn.

Urgent repairs to the Panama Canal, he said, had necessitated the curtailment of merchant shipping through the Canal. He added that the canal authorities had issued orders restricting or prohibiting merchant shipping, but he did not know the full details.—Reuter.

DECLARE WAR DEMAND

The view that the United States must at once declare war, was expressed by Mr. Samuel Grafton, in a forceful article in the "New York Post" yesterday.

"England can choose anything, while Hitler is a prisoner of his blitzkrieg and may prove its final victim," Mr. Grafton wrote.

"He must act hurriedly; we have lots of time. He has even taught us not to trust him, so that when peace is offered again, it will be turned down.

"The United States must declare war instantly."—Reuter.

JAPANESE COMMANDEER TRAINS

A second train was taken off the Peiping-Fusan (Korea) run yesterday afternoon.

This followed the withdrawal of the crack Peiping express last week when it was stated that Japanese military movements were the reason.

According to railway sources in Peiping, five further trains are likely to be withdrawn shortly.

Bangkok Hesitant

Experienced observers in Bangkok hestitate to venture an opinion on developments in Tokyo.

Gloomy forebodings have come from various sources bracketing Thailand and Indo-China.

Observers hold that if Indo-China is about to become a Syria of the Far East, then Thailand's position is not dissimilar from Turkey's as both are determined to safeguard their independence and to maintain their neutrality. — Reuter.

Sleepers may be abolished on the remaining night trains to double their capacity. While no official reason is given, the conclusion to be drawn is obvious.—Reuter.

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ROOSEVELT GIVES WARNING

Tells Congress That Army Must Be Kept Intact

National Danger Greater Than A Year Ago

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT YESTERDAY ASKED CONGRESS TO AUTHORISE THE EXTENSION OF THE ONE-YEAR PERIOD OF ACTIVE SERVICE IN THE ARMY FOR SELECTEE NATIONAL GUARDSMEN AND RESERVISTS, DECLARING THAT AMERICA WAS IN "INFINITELY GREATER" DANGER THAN A YEAR AGO.

Unless this extension was granted, the nation would be taking a grave national risk, said President Roosevelt, and disintegration of the army would be under way within two months. The responsibility for maintaining the efficiency of the army rests solely with the legislators.

President Roosevelt dramatised his request by trying an innovation — he transcribed his message on records so that his words might be broadcast.

The President emphasised that conditions had changed since the 12-month limitation was placed a year ago on the service of selectee guardsmen and reservists, and declared that "to-day it is imperative that I officially report to Congress what Congress undoubtedly knows: that the international situation is not less grave but far more grave than it was a year ago.

It is so grave, in my opinion, and in the opinion of all who are conversant with the facts, that the army should be maintained at effective strength and without diminution of its effective numbers in a complete state of readiness.

"Small as it is by comparison with other armies, it should not suffer any form of disorganisation or disintegration."

Grave Risk

President Roosevelt said, therefore, it would be taking a grave national risk unless Congress were to make possible the maintenance of the present full effective strength of the army during the coming year, and give training to as many additional Americans as possible.

It would be a "tragic error" to eliminate two-thirds of the trained soldiers and three-quarters of the officers and personnel.

The President said he was not asking Congress for specific language in a specific Bill, and said he hoped the legislators "will acknowledge this is a national emergency either for a specific period or until revocation by Congress or by the President."

Time Of Emergency

President Roosevelt said that the objective was an all-important issue. He was confident the men in the ranks realised better than the public the "disastrous effect" which would result from permitting the present Army to melt away and set back training and the expansion programme at least six months.

"I do not believe the danger to American safety is less than it was a year ago, when so far as the army was concerned the United States was in a woefully weak position. I do not believe the danger to our national safety is only about the same as it was a year ago. I do believe—I know—the danger to-day is infinitely greater. I do believe—I know—that in all truth we are in the midst of a national emergency."

Tragic Error

President Roosevelt pointed out that unless the service period was extended at the "beginning of this autumn about two-thirds of the United States army will begin demobilising."

Referring to national security, the President said that two steps were taken last year. Firstly, "the selective service act initiated annual military training as the prime duty of citizenship. Secondly, the organisation and training of field companies was begun. The objective was to have ready, at short notice, an organised and integrated personnel of over a million men."

After reference to the "tragic error" of eliminating two-thirds of trained soldiers and three-quarters of the officers and personnel, the President said "occasional individuals may with honest intent assert that the United States need fear no attack on its own territory or on other nations in this hemisphere by aggressors from without. Nevertheless, it is the well-known unanimous opinion of those who are daily cognisant, as military and naval officers, and government servants in the field of international relations, that the schemes and plans of the aggressor nations against American security are so evident that the United States and the rest of the Americas are definitely imperilled in their national interests.

A Time Schedule

"That is why, and only after careful weighing of all facts and all events, I recently proclaimed that an unlimited national emergency exists. It is not surprising that millions of patriotic Americans find it difficult in the pursuit of their daily occupations, and in the normal lives of their families, to give constant thought to the implications of the happenings many thousands of miles away.

That is why I must refer again to the sequence of conquests or attacks—all the way from the coup against Austria to the present campaign against Russia.

Every move up and down and across Europe and into Asia and Africa have been conducted according to a time schedule, utilising in every case an overwhelming superiority, not only in material but also in trained men.

Gaining Time

Each campaign has been based on the preliminary assurance of safety and non-aggression to the intended victim.

Each campaign has been based on disarming fear and gaining time until the German Government was fully ready to throw treaties and pacts to the winds, and simultaneously launch attack in overwhelming force.

Each elimination of a victim brought the issue of Nazi domination closer to this hemisphere, while month by month their intrigues of propaganda and conspiracy sought to weaken every link in the community of interests that should bind the Americas into a great western family.

Cannot Speculate

"I do not think any branch of the United States Government would be willing to let America share the fate which destroyed the independence of other nations.

"We Americans cannot afford to speculate with the security of America. Furthermore, we have a definite responsibility to every country in the western hemisphere — to aid each and every one thereof against attack from without.

"I do not believe that any branch of government would desire to abrogate our Pan-American Pacts or discard the policy which we have maintained for nearly a century and a quarter. If we do not reverse this historic policy then it is our duty to maintain it.

Bad Faith

"To weaken our army at this particular time would in my judgment be an act of bad faith towards our neighbours."

President Roosevelt concluded as follows: "Time counts. Within two months, the disintegration, which would follow failure to take Congressional action will commence in the armies of the United States.

"Time counts. Responsibility rests solely with Congress." — Reuter.

When he recently paid a visit to an armament establishment Mr. Churchill tried his hand with an automatic gun. He fired a number of rounds at targets some distance away and fairly peppered them. The Secretary of State for War (Captain Margesson) was an interested spectator.

R.A.F.'S LATEST FIGHTER

Typhoon's Speed Over 400 M.P.H.

Britain is now producing the world's most formidable fighter aircraft, the Typhoon, which surpasses the Spitfire and even the new Tornado in performance. The Typhoon, fitted with the magnificent new Napier Sabre engine, is capable of well over 400 m.p.h.

The Typhoon is armed and armoured better than any of its predecessors. Its armament comprises a mixture of cannon and and machine-guns, giving terrific fire power.

The Sabre engine, designed by Major Frank Halford, famed as the producer of racing motor-cars before the war, develops the unprecedented horse-power of 2,400.

The aircraft is single seater, single-engined machine, designed by Mr. Sydney Camm, chief designer of the Hawker Aircraft Company, who also planned the Hawker Hurricane and the Hawker Tornado. It has a greater range than previous single seater types.

Germany's latest single seater fighter, the Heinkel 113, is believed to have a top speed of 398 m.p.h., a ceiling of 39,400 feet, and is armed with four large-bore guns.

Among the 1,000 Canadian and America aircraft so far delivered to the R.A.F. is the Catalina P.B.Y. flying boat, made by the Consolidated Company. Many models of this machine are doing excellent work on reconnaissance and escort duty in the North Atlantic.

DUG 12 HOURS, SAVED FAMILY

IN THE RECORDS of Stoke Newington A.R.P. Rescue Party it is called simply Incident No. 2.

To Mr. and Mrs. Emmerson and their family it is the memory of a hideous night when their three-storied house crashed about them, burying them for 12 hours.

To Francis Tritt and James Wood, rescue party workers, it is the memory of a night in which they toiled with tears and sweat to save an entire family, while, time after time, a crumbling wall reburied the victims.

London was being blitzed.

The Emmerson's house was hit and fell down in a dusty heap, trapping the whole family.

Francis Tritt, rescue party leader, raced to the incident with his men.

They dug a hole in the rubble. Out of it staggered Mr. Emmerson. He had a black eye.

Pointing to what was once his house, he said: "The rest of the family's in there."

The rest of the family was his wife, daughter, two sons and a nephew.

Francis Tritt sent to headquarters for another squad. It was led by James Wood.

Swiftly, with a minimum of words, they got to work.

First they made contact with Mrs. Emmerson. They released her down to the waist.

Then Peggy Emmerson and her cousin John poked their heads out of the debris — like ducks breaking water.

Stones Rattled

As the rescuers scratched at the debris, scopping it into buckets with their bare hands, the crumbling wall behind them sent showers of stones rattling down.

Tritt flung his helmet on Mrs. Emmerson to protect her. Both men threw their bodies over Peggy and John.

Faint cries revealed that Peter Emmerson, 22-year-old soldier brother of Peggy, was buried still deeper.

"Wood and I tore at the earth to get at him," Mr. Tritt told me yesterday.

"At last we got his head above the debris.

"We held up his chin and gave him drinks.

"Somebody said to us: 'You'll need a cup of tea,' and when Peter Emmerson heard that he said to me: 'Shine the torch on your face.'

"I did so and he said: 'Promise me you won't leave me.'"

"I promised him.

Wood and I were on that job for 12 hours."

Incident No. 2, it was announced has won Tritt and Wood the George Medal.

Hitler Far Behind Schedule In The Invasion Of Russia

"VICTORIES" TO HIS OWN PERDITION

"THE GERMANS, despite their claims that the Red Army and air force have been annihilated, have already long passed their assigned dates for their entry into Kiev, Leningrad and Moscow," declared M. Lozovsky, Vice-Commissar for Foreign Affairs at a press conference last night.

The real explanation was provided by the Order of Major-General Nehring, commanding the 18th German Tank Division, said M. Lozovsky.

This Order was found inside a captured tank and it says: "It is obvious that our losses in equipment, arms and machines and despite a successful advance, have greatly exceeded captured trophies. Continuation of this situation is intolerable in the long run for we shall go on winning victories to our own perdition."

M. Lozovsky recalled that this morning (Tuesday) would complete the first calendar month of the German "blitzkrieg" against Russia.

"This war will go on for many months and we can discuss the results of the first month in one of our next press conferences."

M. Lozovsky dwelt on the differences between the Nazis and their so-called Allies, stressing the cross-currents of hatred and covetousnes, which existed between the German, Rumanian, Hungarian and Slovak camps.

All of them, he said, were full of internal squabbling, compared with the democratic nations, who were fighting unanimously without wanting to take anything from each other.

Air Raid Tactics

Asked whether Moscow would follow London's example of maintaining the city's normal traffic during air raids alerts, M. Lozovsky said that Moscow was likely to adhere to the present system of clearing the streets of people.

Among the purposes of the high discipline maintained in Moscow during the alerts was the desire to reduce casualties to a minimum.

Work in factories, however, continued until the imminent danger signal was given. A warning was sounded in Moscow, he said, as soon as it was observed at the front that a number of 'planes was flying in the direction of the capital. The nearest the German 'planes had got to Moscow was over 100 miles distant.

Some of the recent warnings, he disclosed, had merely been tests. M. Lozovsky doubted whether the Germans would attempt any raid on Moscow. — Reuter.

COTTON HANDS' NEW JOBS

Between 7,000 and 8,000 cotton operatives displaced by the stopping of about 40 mills have been found other employment, chiefly in war factories.

By the end of the month the number of factories closed to conserve cotton and labour will have risen to 75 and the number of displaced workers to more than 12,000.

Comparatively few of the displaced workers are on the unemployment registers. Some of the skilled classes have been eagerly welcomed into the nucleus mills, where, in spite of the release of this new supply of labour, there is still a bigger demand for big piecers, tenters and similar workers than can be met.

"From our experience so far," said a Ministry of Labour official, "there is little doubt that we can absorb all the workers displaced.

"There is little need for anxiety by any of the workpeople. As the process of concentration goes on we can find them jobs as fast as they become free to take them. The spirit of the workpeople has been most encouraging."

WINNING THE PEACE

"Germany must not be in a position and flay and to torture Europe once every thirty years," declared Mr. Anthony Eden, the Foreign Minister, in a broadcast to the Belgian people on Belgium's National Day of Independence yesterday.

Mr. Eden declared: Twice within 30 years Belgium had had to endure the ordeal of invasion.

This time also, the final result would be the same.

"But this time," he went on, "we will not lose the peace. We will build a better."

Mr. Eden mentioned that the Belgian Army in Great Britain was rapidly gathering its strength and awaiting the day when it could assist the whole of the Allied armies in the war of liberation. — Reuter.

RED CROSS PARCELS RESERVE

Maj.-Gen. Sir John Kennedy, vice chairman of the Executive Committee of the British Red Cross and St. John War Organisation, speaking at the Royal Society of Arts in London on the work of the Red Cross, said that it was building up on the Continent a reserve of parcels for our prisoners of war in case communications were again interrupted.

He pointed out that the Red Cross had no responsibility for transport of the parcels. This was borne by the Government through the postal authorities, who selected the routes. When the postal land route across Portugal proved inadequate, the Red Cross took over transport from Lisbon by a sea route.

Since France fell the British Red Cross has handed over to the Post Office 1,750,000 parcels of all kinds for our prisoners of war.

The Prisoners of War Central Agency, which collects and disperses information, started with a staff of 30. "At the end of last year the staff numbered 3,650," said Gen. Kennedy.

The Central Agency also collects information about the wounded and missing.

A general intensive training of units of the Army in Northern Ireland is being undertaken to fit them for offensive operations in the event of invasion. Special tanks have been devised and particular attention is being paid to toughening the fibre of the men. Photo shows a Battalion of the Royal Berks Regiment in strenuous training. Here are Bren Gun carriers crossing a minefield during an attack. (Copyright, Fox).

CLASH OF CHINESE ARMIES

The question of Communist troops clashing with Central Government forces is continuing to occupy the attention of Chinese circles in Chungking.

The Chinese Press unanimously stress the importance of national unity and the maintenance of military discipline.

A public appeal to the 18th Group Army (Chinese Communist Army) was made yesterday in the influential Chinese daily, the "Ta Kung Pao," which declared: "Although the Communist Party has an international character, it must be remembered in view of the latest international developments that national and international interests are practically identical.

Whether for support of Soviet Russia or for protection of the Fatherland, the Chinese Communists should cooperate with the Central Government."—Reuter.

M.B.E. FOR PRISONER OF WAR

Lt. J. M. Langley, Coldstream Guards, son of Mr. F. O. Langley, the Old Street police court magistrate, has been appointed a member of the Order of the British Empire in recognition of distinguished services in the field, it was announced in the London Gazette.

Lt. Langley, who is a prisoner of war and has had his left arm amputated at the shoulder, won the M.C. for gallantry and courage under fire in the final rearguard actions at Dunkirk. He was wounded by a shell and fell into German hands.

Capt. G. B. Hartford, R.N., has been awarded the bar to the D.S.O. for leadership, endurance and devotion to duty.

The Albert Medal has been awarded to Acting Second Hand J. H. Mitchell, R.N.R., who by gripping a rope with his teeth while supporting two drowning men saved his own life and the lives of the two men.

The George Medal has been awarded to Volunteer W. T. Whitlock, a Home Guard, who was severely injured when a building where he was on duty received two direct hits from high-explosive bombs. At great personal risk and in a state of almost complete collapse he rescued his section leader from beneath the debris.

GERMANY NOW PLANNING NEW AGGRESSIONS

GERMANY IS EVEN now planning new steps of aggression against the remaining independent states of Europe.

The United States has received information of this, stated the Under-Secretary of State, Mr. Sumner Welles, at a Press Conference in Washington yesterday, but he did not go into details.

Mr. Welles disclosed that the United States had promised full support to Bolivia in the event of an international incident arising from an alleged attempted Nazi coup in Bolivia and the expulsion order against the German Minister.

Mr. Welles said that in assuring Bolivia of support, he pointed out that under the existing inter-American agreements, the German Minister to Bolivia would be non personal grata with the United States.

Mr. Welles also referred to General Franco's sharp attack on the United States a week ago, when General Franco said that American offers of economic help to Spain always involved attempts to force Spain to obey the will of other nations.

Mr. Welles said that this was entirely untrue and that the supplies of food and medicine that had been sent to Spain were not contingent upon any policy of the Spanish Government other than that the Spanish people should remain at peace.

Also answering General Franco's reference to the consequences of a Nazi victory upon other American republics, Mr. Sumner Welles said that the whole prosperity of the American nations had been founded upon the control of the Atlantic and other seas by friendly powers and that if that control passed to unfriendly Powers, their independence would be gravely endangered.—Reuter.

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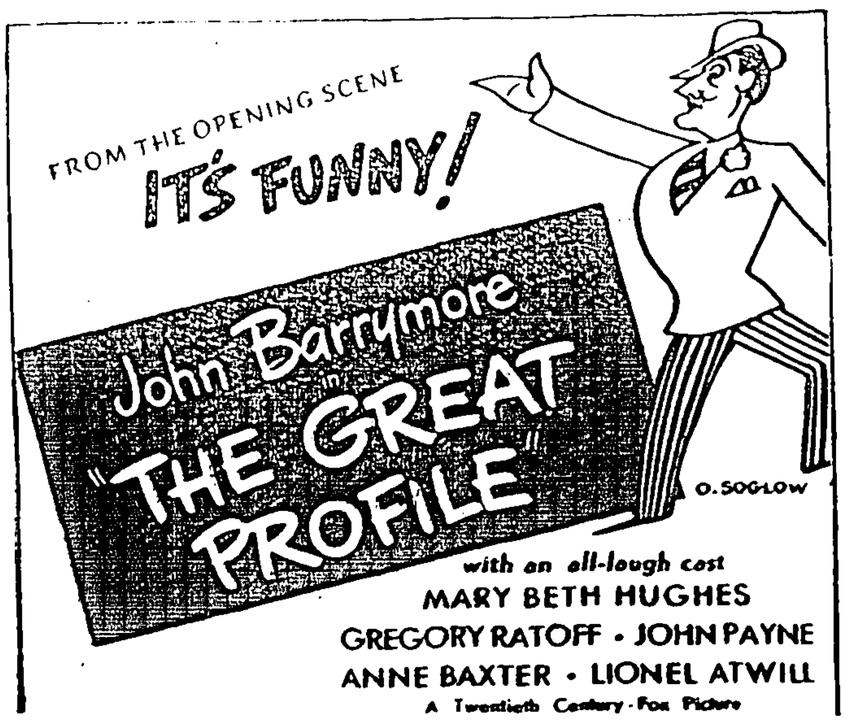

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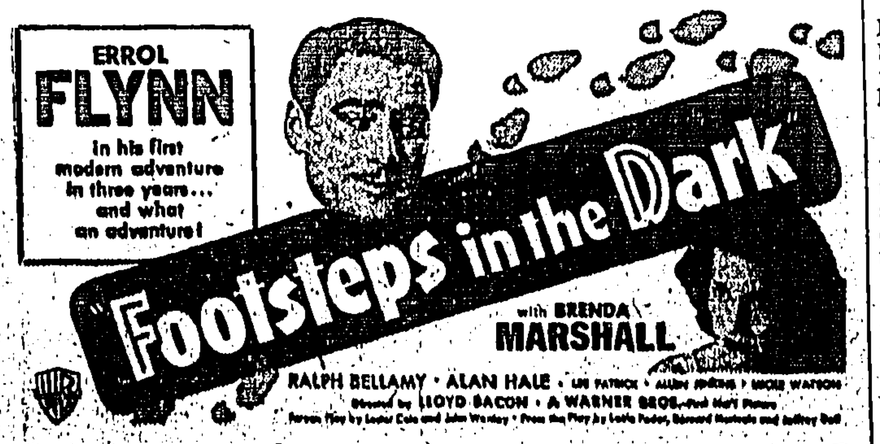

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HITLER ASKS ITALY AND RUMANIA FOR MORE MEN

HITLER HAS ASKED BOTH ITALY AND RUMANIA FOR MORE TROOPS FOR USE IN RUSSIA, AND THEY ON THEIR PART HAVE BOTH ASKED FOR A DEFINITION OF HITLER'S OBJECTIVES ON THAT FRONT, SAYS THE LONDON FREE FRENCH AGENCY, QUOTING THEIR CORRESPONDENT ON THE FRENCH FRONTIER.

Hitler is said to have replied that his objectives are strictly limited and that as soon as these were obtained his advance would cease. In any case, the message adds, "German armies will meet beyond the Volga."

Because the army of occupation required for those parts of Russia already overrun is very much greater than Berlin had expected, Italy is being asked to supply a veritable expeditionary corps amounting to about 10 divisions.

The Rumanians, it is reported, are being tempted to supply more men and materials with the offer of Odessa as the "bait"—although the Nazis are nowhere near this city, but General Antonescu is reported to have turned this down because he will be quite satisfied if he can get Bessarabia again.—Reuter.

GERMAN FORTS IN SPAIN

According to reports from Havana, the Germans have built a string of fortresses, fortified points, and airfields along the Spanish coast, on the Bay of Biscay, in the province of Galicia, and have virtually assumed complete control of that province.

The source quoted for this statment is a personality close to leading Spanish Falangist circles.

This informant declared that the impression was prevalent in Falangist circles that the Germans would move into the peninsula not later than the beginning of next month. Their plans provided for the occupation of Portugal.

He added that the Nazis have constructed a very large airport at Lugo, Galicia, which covers a greater area than the city itself. It is situated only about 50 miles from the coast.

The Nazis, it is assorted, have also virtually taken over the Galician ports of Vigo and Corunna, and are using them as submarine refuelling bases.

The Nazis, this informant declared, are constructing a strategic railway line from Seville in the direction of Gibraltar, using rails and other supplies purchased by the Republican Government before the civil war for a badly needed railway between Corunna and Santiago de Compostella.

MOTORIST SHOT BY HOME GUARD

A VERDICT OF JUSTIFIABLE HOMICIDE WAS RECORDED AT AN INQUEST AT KINGSTON-ON-THAMES ON A MOTORIST WHO WAS FATALLY SHOT BY A HOME GUARD.

The victim was Leslie Charles Hull Hyde, aged 39, a clerk, of St. Peter's Road, Twickenham, who was shot when driving a car at Esher.

The coroner, Dr. Baron, said it was the duty of the Home Guard to fire on motorists who did not stop after being warned. If they did not do so patrols would be useless.

Hyde, it was alleged, passed two red lamps, one of which was being swung in the roadway by a Home Guard to warn motorists to stop.

Home Guard Tickner said he shouted "Halt!" and fired when the car was 40 to 50 yards beyond the lamps, but he denied firing wildly, and aimed at a back tyre.

A police sergeant said the bullet entered the car near the roof, and Hyde was shot in the head.

Mr. E. V. Birkholm, a passenger in the car, said he advised Hyde to stop when he saw the red lamps. Although Hyde replied, "I don't think it concerns us," the witness believed he was pulling up as the shot was fired.

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NEW INLAND SEA

In a valley where once herds of game drank at the river's edge and the transport rider and trader outspanned their wagons, an "inland sea" covering 60 square miles has been formed. It is known as the Vaalbank Dam, largest irrigation project in the southern Hemisphere. It lies between the Orange River Free State and Transvaal, about 20 miles from the town of Vereeniging.

This giant dam has been constructed across the Vaal River at a cost, together with other subsidiary works, of £4,000,000 of which the Rand Water Board contributed £500,000. The dam wall is 1,900 feet long and 169 feet high, and when filled to capacity after seasonal rains the resulting lake will be 90 miles long and 13 miles across at its widest point near the wall.

With Johannesburg only 56 miles distant this dam will provide a reserve water supply for the Reef towns, besides irrigation over a large area. It is expected to become a popular holiday and sporting centre for Inland South Africa, and modern hotels and boarding houses are being built at the new township called Denysville, after Col. Denys Reitz, Minister of Agriculture, and author of "Commando."

The lake, in common with all big dams in the Union, has been declared a bird sanctuary, and already numbers of wild birds are frequenting the area.

NEW 'PLANE FLIES ITSELF--WELL, ALMOST

(By Albert D. Hughes)

I DON'T KNOW how to fly. But I took an aeroplane off the ground at Newark, turned over the controls long enough for the real pilot to get some altitude, and then did a very passable job of piloting the ship across Long Island and the Sound to the Connecticut shore.

There with the weather thickening a bit and with darkness falling fast the pilot took over and brought us into New Haven — where I caught a train for Boston I would have been unable to catch in time in New York.

The 'plane I was piloting gave me a real thrill of pride—local pride—for it is the first aeroplane to be built in Massachusetts in nearly 15 years. Oddly enough, it is being manufactured at the same plant at the Lowell Airport in South Lowell where back in 1926 the De Ravilland "Moth" a sport 'plane, was manufactured under a licence from the English company.

To Speed Training

Charles W. Sutherland, President of the company, a veteran pilot and well-known in local aviation circles, told me without any reservations that he could take a casual passerby off the street and with an hour's training he would be able to "solo" one of these 'planes. If the person could drive a car, Mr. Sutherland said he could not only solo, but also make perfectly banked turns after two hours. With ten hours' instruction, he told me, a pilot could make "spot" and precision landings and begin to get the hang of judgment in distance, weather phenomena, air speed and other factors that make "just" a pilot a "good pilot."

With Professor Otto C. Koppen of Massachusetts Institute of Technology, designer of the 'plane, Mr. Sutherland had a pioneer model built incorporating conclusions as to what a safe aeroplane should have. Beginning backwards, as it were. It worked startlingly well, too.

From this point they began to try and throw but many ideas, carefully scouted whatever "safety" 'plane designs there were, for the "faults" they might have and tried to avoid them in their own design. When the right time came—two years ago—they got financial backing and used this money to perfect their design and work it up into a ship having eye appeal as well as good flying characteristics.

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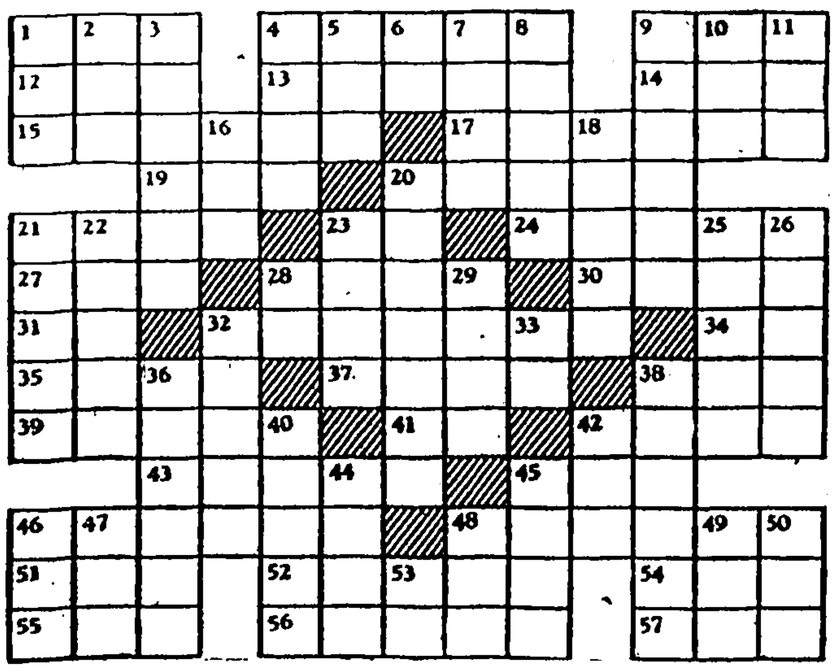
If it weren't for the war and the metal priorities, Mr. Sutherland told me, this 'plane could be worked down on a production basis to about $1,000. At present there are only about 85 workmen at the Lowell plant.

OUR 10-MINUTE CROSS-WORD



HORZONTAL
1 Boring tool
4 Unskilful
9 Feline
12 French coin
13 Titles
14 To be obliged to
15 Hostility
17 Silly smile
18 To low
20 To soak
21 Congenial
23 By
24 Requirements
27 Not strict
28 Russian mountain system
30 To jog
31 Conjunction
32 Type
34 Brother of Odin
35 Bearing
37 Card game
38 Pronoun
39 Ancient chariot
41 Teutonic deity
42 To penetrate
43 Peeled
45 English slang: tavern
46 Impaled
48 To handle awkwardly
51 Cravat
52 Snake
54 Meadow
55 Conjunction
56 Indian corn
57 Poetic: always

VERTICAL
1 Peer Gynt's mother
2 Triumphed
3 Clumsy person
4 Preposition
5 Negative vote
6 Printer's measure
7 Nuisance
8 Chinese money
9 Ductile metal
10 Fear
11 Music: three
16 Electrified particle
18 Encounters
20 Piled up
21 To accuse
22 Fertile spot
23 Greek deity
25 English seaport
26 Cubic metre
28 Above
29 Prevaricator
32 Cowardly person
33 Latin conjunction
36 Saw
38 To limp
40 Vision
42 Sticky substance
44 Scandinavian literary work
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46 Music: as written
47 To fasten
48 Capital of Morocco
49 Sheltered
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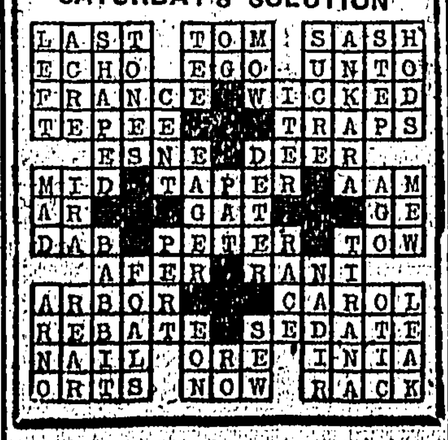

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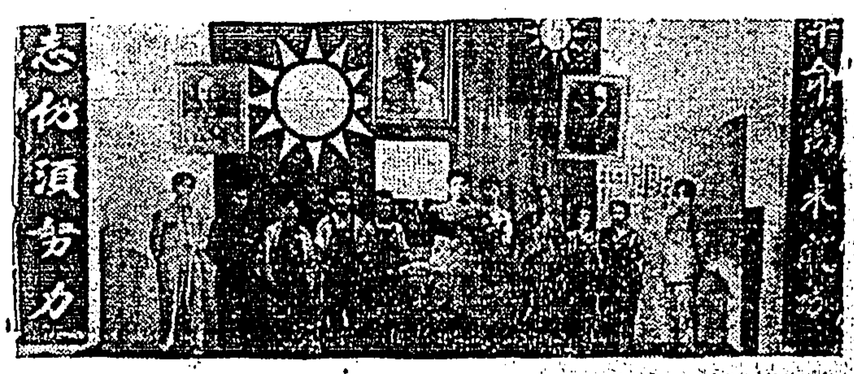

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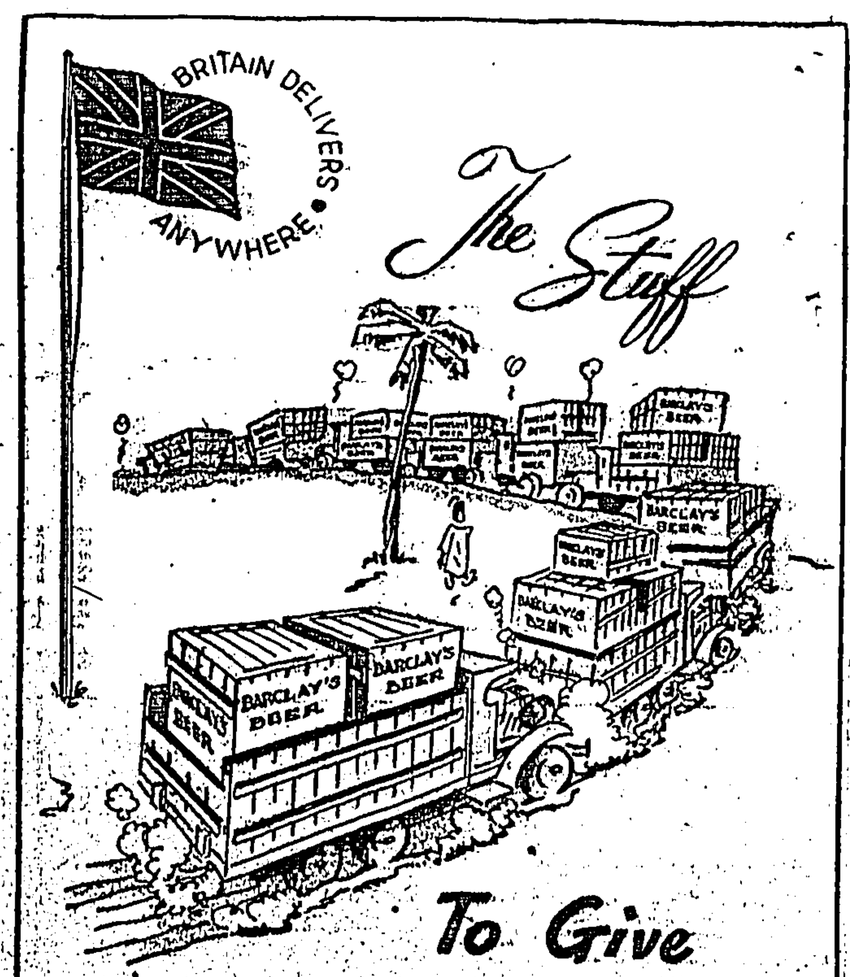


BRAVE LONDON CARRIES ON

A BAEDEKER OF NAZI AIR BOMBING

RESUMPTION OF SERVICES IN WESTMINSTER ABBEY, OF CHIMES FROM BIG BEN IN ITS DAMAGED TOWER, OF THE PASSAGE OF SHIPS UNDER TOWER BRIDGE SHOWS HOW LONDON RE-EMERGES AFTER THE NAZIS' HEAVIEST BOMBING ATTACKS.

An American, making a tour of London to-day, would probably make his first sortie along the Strand and Whitehall to Westminster.

Here, opposite the damaged Houses of Parliament, he would find the flag flying from the north-western Tower of Wesminster Abbey. He might even hear strains of the organ, for Westminster Abbey was not so seriously damaged as first reports had represented. The spot between the transepts, where King George VI and Queen Elizabeth were crowned, was for a time open to the sky. The platform on which the coronation chairs stood was piled high with debris and charred beams from the wrecked Lantern Tower. But this damage, with slight splintering of the Lady Chapel, is the total harm the Abbey itself has suffered.

The historic Canons' houses, Deanery, and Westminster School, however, have fallen victims to Nazi destructiveness. The School has lost its famous old Hall, where the traditional ceremony of tossing the pancake used to be held on Shrove Tuesday.

Damage To Commons

The House of Commons too, has taken heavy blows. What the world understands by the House is no more. The Chamber is a mass of masonry rubble and twisted girders. In places the broken walls rise around the boundaries of Chamber, but within that intermittent framework there is scarcely a stone to mark the spot where so many stands for freedom have been made. The Members' Lobby too, little less famous than the Chamber itself, has been ruined.

The roof of Westminster Hall, however, does not appear to be seriously damaged. The famous hammer-beams which support the roof are hardly touched. As far as can be seen the fire attacked the rafters high up under the roof. The libraries of the Commons and the House of Lords also are undamaged.

The Adelphi pile, a modern concrete structure covering the whole of the area of the old Adelphi Terrace, has been only slightly damaged, but the streets round about, Robert Street, Adam Street, John Street, are badly knocked about.

The Little Theatre is a burnt-out shell.

The granite of Cleopatra's Needle still gleams in the sun.

Other Buildings

At the other end of the Strand stands the ragged structure of St. Clement Dane's Church, the damaged buildings of the Temple and the Law Courts. In Fleet Street the exterior of the newspaper offices, as a whole, little sign of recent ordeals.

At the sign of the Old Cheshire Cheese, the door into the ground floor and "Dr. Johnson's room" is barred. For "enemy action" has destroyed that part of the premises in which the Doctor and so many famous litrary figures have sat as they dined and talked. Two thousand pounds' worth of antique treasures went up in flames on the ground floor and in the museum of the Cheshire Cheese.

The visitor can still mount the old oak staircase, and lunch in a paneled room on the first floor, with its spacious fire-gate and sawdust-covered boards. Ye Olde Fare has been modified somewhat to conform to rationing requirements.

Dr. Johnson's House

Making a detour of Fleet Street's rambling "back-stage" courts to avoid debris, the visitor would come to the old Georgian house where Dr. Johnson worked on his Dictionary. The framework of the building is intact and it is thought the lower rooms can probably be restored. The roof, however, has been damaged by fire, some of the rooms, including the large attic in which Dr. Johnson and his six clerks worked on the Dictionary, have been gutted and some of the treasures destroyed.

The famous chair which Dr. Johnson used at the Cock Tavern was saved, together with several first editions, including that of the Dictionary.

The Tower of London itself has returned from being one of London's most popular show-places to its acient role as a garrisoned military stronghold. At the entrance of Tower Hill on one side sits a Yeoman Warder, an honorary member of the King's Bodyguard of the Yeoman of the Guard," and on the other a khakiclad soldier. Strolling here and there in the grounds is a beefeater in his Elizabethan costume—a bright spot of colour against the gray stone walls.

View From Terraces

Bombs have fallen on the Tower at some points, but this thirteen-acre medieval fortress shows little sign of the damage to the visitor walking along the Terraces of the Tower Hill Gardens.

The North Bastion is the only corner which tells of enemy activity. There huge chunks of six-foot wall are lying on the bed of the dry moat as though some giant had torn them away tossed them from the castellated battlements. In the sunshine a few yards away a gardener mows the grass. Farther along the moat in the shade of the Tower walls are flourishing vegetable allotments.

The "Tower Hill Improvement Trust" carries on its work at one of its other properties on the Hill.

Though the raids have brought the constructive side of the Trust's work to a standstill, bombs have carried out a demolition programme of their own, and opened the way for planning the district anew. The properties owned by the Trust include the site of the birthplace of William Penn on Tower Hill.

At the other end of the Embankment, in Chelsea, Carlyle's residence has fared very much better than Dr. Johnson's home. The house in Cheyene Row in which the writer and his wife lived from 1834 unharmed except that the windows have been broken by blast. The house is closed to the public, but a resident caretaker looks after the literary treasures which are still there. Carleyle's statute is in the embankment gardens nearby.

Hits In Chelsea

The Chelsea Hospital, a beautiful Wren building and the home of the Chelsea pensioners, has also been damaged.

Another favoured haunt of American visitors, Caledonian Market, has been closed, but it has a wartime rival within Hyde Park. Down by the Bayswater Road is one of the biggest open-air markets London has ever seen. Portable salvage is taken here from damaged property. If you want a window-frame, a chimney-pot, a bath or a water tank, it is there in the market. The range of baths is especially wide as these fitments tend to survive intact; all shapes and sizes from 10s. to £3.

Trafalgar Square Lions

Even the brick dust and rubble has its price — a shilling a yard. Who wants to make a road? A genial-lookinb man in rubber boots shows the stock. You make your choice. Then you go to the County Hall to pay cash to the appropriate officer who gives you a permit to collect.

In Trafalgar Square, where Nelson still mounts guard on his lofty column, the lions sit stolidly on their pedestals much as before the war, except that they now hold sandbags between their paws ready to be seized for putting out incendiary bombs.

One of them has had its paw broken, but otherwise all the statues in the Square seem to be intact.

Charles I have been elaborately encased at a cost of more than £300. Ration troubles notwithstanding, people still find food for the pigeons.

Shakespeare sits in the Leicester Square Gardens. Chin in hand, he looks out over a huge crater toward the Empire Cinema where queues of people pass in to see the latest films.

Many other devastations have been made by Nazi raids. Buckingham Palace and St. James's Palace have been damaged, St. Paul's has been badly hit, though the dome is still a familiar landmark and services are held in the Crypt. Paternoster Row is a chaos of bricks and rubble. The Guildhall has been fired, the Old Bailey hit, many Wren churches destroyed, large departmental stores burnt down, others damaged. Yet the American visitor standing on the Thames Embankment at the "rush hour" on any weekday morning would see the usual streams of City workers wending their way over the bridges—on foot, by bus, by tram-car and in private motor-cars. Their determination to "carry on" is one of London's traditional possessions which the Nazis simply cannot bomb.

ORANGE RACKET HITS POOR

An under-the-counter racket in oranges, in some cases, may have been the reason for the not-so-rich housewives' disappointment when they went shopping to get their first sixpenny pound.

Equal distribution of 26,000 cases was made among various districts, but even so, many shoppers got none, writes a "Daily Mirror" correspondent.

On my orange shopping expedition I met one woman who told me she has been able to get as many oranges as she wants.

"I've been paying 3s. 6d. a dozen for them, but I have a sick child and don't mind the expense."

An official from the Ministry of Food told me: "It's the duty of every citizen to report such cases. As long as that sort of thing goes on it means the poorer people doing without."

The Retail Fruit Trade Federation said that the total quantity available will supply only two people out of five.

A provincial greengrocer said: "It is a scandalous waste to buy oranges from Spain so late in the season.

"After the fruit has lain on the docks awaiting a convoy and then has waited to be unloaded here, it is bad before it reaches the shopkeeper.

"If oranges juice is so important to the children it should be imported in concentrated form."

BRITISH RECORDS OF GERMAN SONGS

Allegations that German gramophone records are being manufactured at a British factory are made in a Parliamentary question which Mr. G. Mander is to ask the President of the Board of Trade shortly.

He will ask why a factory is now making records which include "Deutschland ueber Alles" and German soldier songs in German, who gave the order, and who is the customer.

Mr. Mander said that one record is entitled "Wenn die Soldaten," by Herm Krone, sung by Harz Steier in German.

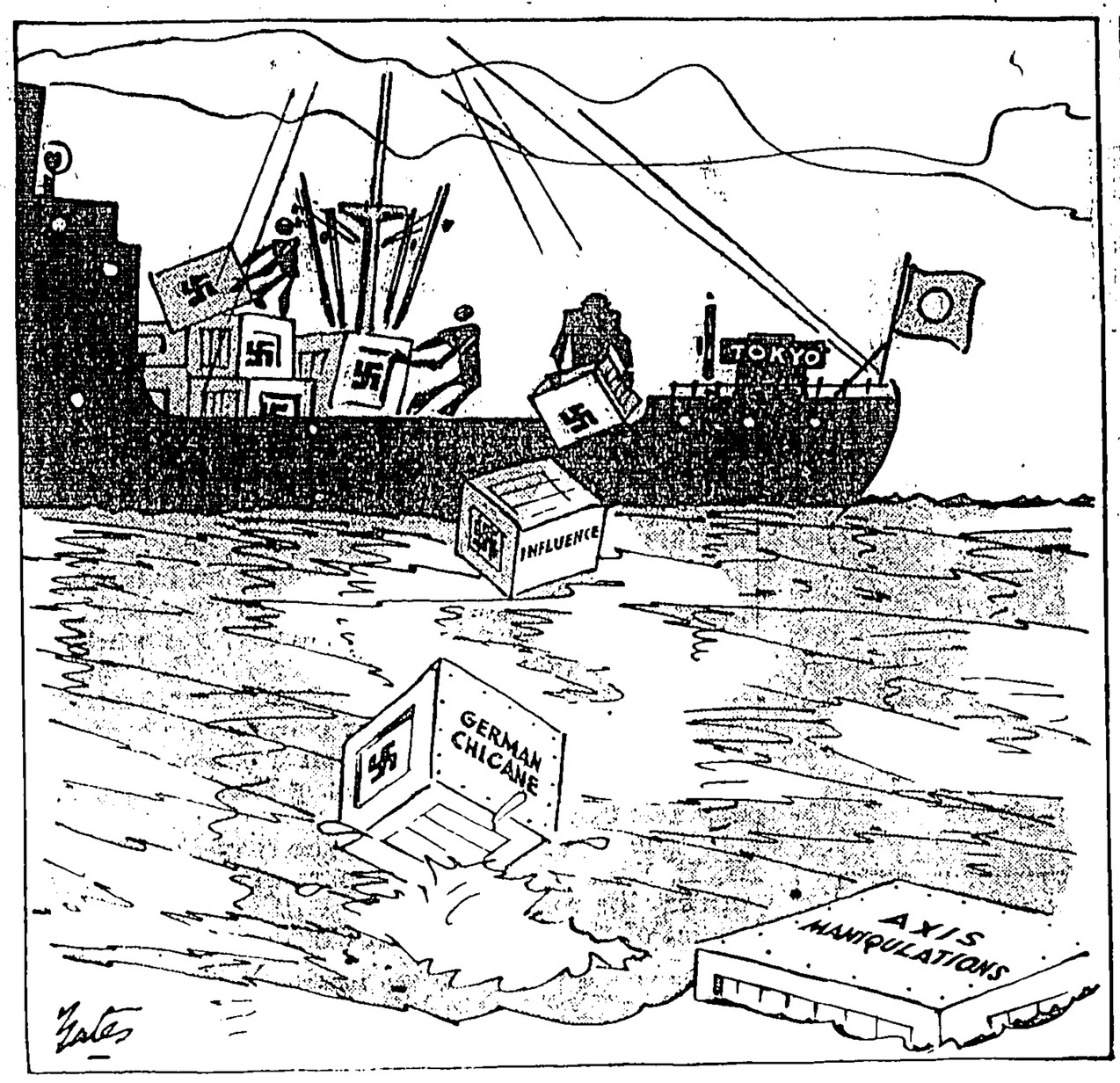
CHINA MAIL
WINDSOR HOUSE

THE DOMINIONS

The Prime Minister is probably right in declining to put the consultation between Britain and the Dominions on too formal a footing. The creation of a standing Imperial War Cabinet is full of difficulty. It would have to contain representatives of all the Dominions, of India, and of the Colonial Empire. It would, sitting with the present War Cabinet, be a large body. The executive character of a War Cabinet would be lost. Moreover, each Dominion would need to detach an extremely important member of its Government to attend, and that, with the political balance as it is in in one or two cases, would not be easy. At a later stage of the war, perhaps, we can usefully have, as we had in 1917, an Imperial War Conference, with the Dominion Prime Ministers sitting in with the War Cabinet. But for the present there is everything to be said for the visit of the Dominion Premiers in rotation, each to be during his visit a member of the War Cabinet. Mr. Menzies's presence in London proved of enormous value and timeliness. He has now been followed by Mr. Fraser, from New Zealand, and we may hope that later Mr. Mackenzie King and General Smuts will be able to visit Britain. And, as in 1917, there should be also recognition of India, this time as a full partner. But it should be through a prominent Indian, not through the Secretary of State or an Anglo-Indian. If only to secure this formal association the immediate grant of greater authority to Indians at the centre would be worth while.

LIFE IN ALSACE-LORRAINE

It might have been expected that the Nazis, anxious for French collaboration, would have tempered the rigours of their system to the habits and sentiments of the people of Alsace-Lorraine. The vivid account of the provinces given by a correspondent in the pages of "France" shows that the Nazis have preferred the shock tactics and the persecuting measures that are more natural to their genius. French may not be used in the schools, talking French is an offence, papers are posted on the walls expressing hatred of France, there are no French books, German names replace French everywhere. These methods are common form, in some degree, when a Government tries to force a foreign culture into its own system. But the Nazis, armed with the Gestapo and its finished technique, add their own special cruelties. One of them is specially interesting in view of the Vichy programme. The Vichy Government speaks of the strengthening of family discipline and loyalty as one of its chief objects. The Nazis, of course, want to subordinate the family to their system; and in Alsace-Lorraine as in Germany they train children to spy on their parents. In his recent book Sir Bernard Pares says that the Bolsheviks, who used this method of terrorism in early days, have renounced it. Children in Russia are now taught in the schools to respect their parents and elders. Marshal Petain has thus closer affinities with the Bolsheviks, whom he dreads, than with the Nazis, with whom he hopes to collaborate.



LIGHTENING THE BURDEN.

The Bread Penny

By Elizabeth Kyle

"AND as for cheese, which is so nutritious," said Emma Van Klampen, rising to go, "that is not to be obtained even for gold."

"There is not much that cannot be obtained for gold," answered Anna, adding thoughtfully, as she went to the door with her visitor, "I wonder now . . ."

She closed the hall door and went quickly towards the small slip of a bedroom behind the sitting-room. Jan lay propped up on pillows, looking far smaller, under the bedclothes, than his thirteen years. The illness had done that, and then the lack of nourishing food. If he had not had the illness he might have done as well as other boys on the rations the Germans allowed. But now, without the butter and eggs and so on which their doctor hardly liked even to mention as a necessity unless he should seem to be mocking. . . .

"Are you hungry, dear?" she asked, looking down on her little brother.

"No," he said listlessly. That frightened her. That was bad. But she remembered her sudden thought while speaking with Emma and, saying. "What a pity! Because we were going to have something nice for supper," lifted the heavy velvet curtains dividing the room from the other beyond and began to thread her way between cumbrous, handsome pieces of rosewood furniture towards the old glass-fronted corner-cupboard. Everything in the room was old, heavy, and handsome and had been in their family a long time. But all the antique shops in the Hague were stuffed full of such objects, which no one was buying. What use was money to-day unless it bought food?

She found the key of the corner-cupboard and unlocked it. Her fingers strayed among dozens of tiny objects; little handleless blue-and-white teacups as fine and transparent as paper; a silver filigree coach; a bunch of seals that had belonged to her grandfather; and presently her heart began to thump with agitation for what she sought was not here. One faint hope remained. Quickly she stepped into the other room again, letting fall the dark curtains behind her, and said as calmly as possible: "What have you done with the bread penny, you bad boy? Did you take it out of the cupboard one day when I wasn't looking?"

"The bread penny? . . . Oh yes, I remember. Don't be angry, Anna, but I took it to school before I was ill, to show to a boy who had never seen one. Fancy! His family hadn't got any."

"Where is it now?" She spoke faintly, trying to still her agitation.

"It's in my pencil-case, I think."

She found his pencil-case and rummaged in it until among india-rubbers and old stamps and pencil stubs, she found what she was looking for. It was not a penny at all but a button; a round tortoise-shell button such as old-fashioned Dutch gentlemen wore on their surtouts a hundred years ago and more. As she stood grasping it tightly Jan asked. "What do you want with it, Anna? Everyone else knows what a bread button looks like."

Remembering how he said he wasn't hungry, she decided not to tell him, but said instead, "I've got to go out for a little. Try not to be impatient till I come back."

She ran upstairs and began to put on her things quickly. It was dusk already and the black-out made it dangerous for people to be wandering near the canals later than this. She brushed her empty jewel case aside impatiently, looking for her gloves. Her mother's pearls, her father's massive signet-ring had long been sold—though not for money. A few minutes later she had left the house and was boarding a tram bound for the workmen's district round about the Wilhelms Canal.

The water in the canal, which by daylight looked like dark green satin, melted now into the dusk, so that one hardly perceived the small houses and shops bordering it. A row of barges lay moored under the bridge, and a little girl, muffled up to her eyebrows, sang a low song to the clothes-pin in her arms which she pretended was a doll.

Anna paused at a doorway with the name "Henryk Pieters, Antiques," above it. The little window at the side showed nothing but a fly-blown Rembrandtesque painting and a cracked blue Delft plate. As she passed it a hand half drew a black-out curtain across the window, then paused as though someone was watching her. She knocked, and an old man opened the door and motioned her inside. But when he saw properly who it was he shook his head saying. "It's no good. I don't want your silver candlesticks, nor your escritoire either. Who do you think would buy them? Not the Germans; they do their shopping in the smart district."

"They tell me you always buy gold," she said, laying the bread penny on the table.

"Ah, that's something different!" But he looked at her suddenly, suspiciously. "How do I know it's intact?" And he began with a sharp penknife apparently to split the button. The top half came up neatly from the under, and there in his palm was a silver coin with a grooved edge. The slit in the grooving was almost invisible, but again his knife found it, and with a sharp spurt and tinkle the two pieces flew apart, leaving a thin gold coin in his palm. So, during the Napoleonic Wars, did far-seeing Dutchmen adorn their garments in case of the worst.

"I can give you for this," said Henryk Pieters, "a fine Alkmaar cheese. Have you no more bread pennies?"

"The set was broken up in my grandfather's day and divided amongst his family," she said, adding firmly, "One cheese is not enough. I want some eggs for an invalid."

"Eggs are gold," he grumbled. "Yes, and prison too. My heart was in my mouth, transferring them from my brother's barge last night, lest one should drop and tell the tale to the first German policeman who passed." But he disappeared a moment, then, brought her a round red cheese and three eggs, all hidden in a little basket with a few sticks of charcoal on top.

When she stepped out on to the quay it was dark and no one was about. Even the little girl had disappeared down into the warm depths of her father's barge. Yet Anna, hurrying along it, heard imaginary footsteps all the way behind her, and wished, fearfully, that she too were a little girl again, so that she could clasp the basket to her breast and sing over it, croon over it, make people think that she only carried a doll.

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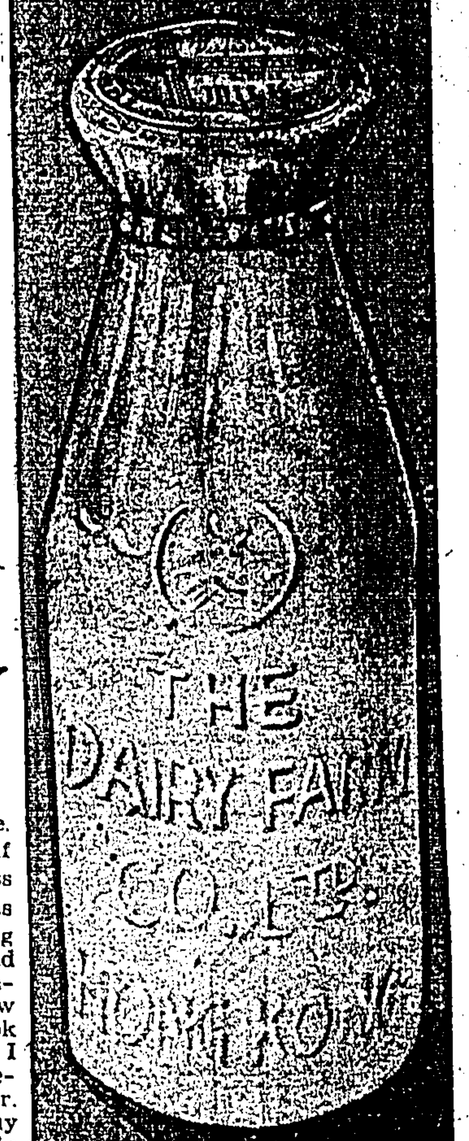

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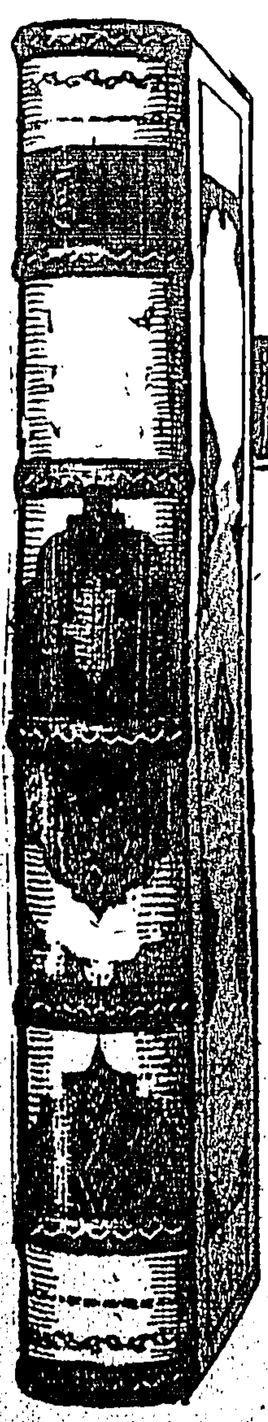

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"WE KNOW — we cannot help but know—that on every striken field in China there lie after each battle men—a few hours ago strong, hearty, now in an agony of pain—for whom the future holds one of three possible prospects, a lingering death, the blasted life of a cripple or, thirdly, restoration in part or in whole to health and strength," said His Excellency the Governor, Sir Geoffry Northcote, in a stirring appeal for funds for orthopaedic centres in China, the campaign for which was launched at an inaugural tea party at the Hong Kong Hotel yesterday evening.

The appeal was made at the request of Madame H. H. Kung, with the support of His Excellency, under the auspices of the British Fund for the Relief of Distress in South China.

Opening the meeting, Bishop Hall said.—"My first duty is to express the gratitude of all who care for China and for the disabled soldiers of China to Madame H. H Kung, to whose initiative and determination this meeting is largely due. She called a group together to her house and asked us to help her to get the money which Dr. Robert Lim so badly needs for the extension of the Red Cross work for disabled soldiers.

"Before I call on Dr. Robert Lim to speak I must mention one other active founder of this gathering. Sir Robert Kotewall has asked me to express on his behalf his unqualified support and enthusiasm for this cause. We are sorry that Sir Robert is not here to infect us with his own enthusiasm and conviction, but I know you will agree with me in sending him from this meeting our best wishes for the rest he deserves and the health we need him to have.

"Good Wine Needs No Bush"

"It is unnecessary at this time and in this company to say more about Dr. Lim. He is preeminently one of those whom Shakespeare had in mind when he said, "Good wine needs no bush." What he has done for China will live as one of the great achievements of history. Recognition of it does not depend on our words: it is written in the lives of thousands of soldiers who would, without his aid, have been lost to China and to their loved ones; and it is written deeply in the traditions and standards of work and training which has established and which will remain a permanent part both of the Army medical service and of the National health services of China."

Dr. Lim's Speech

Dr. Robert Lim said:—

"The Orthopaedic Centres have been organised to care for those who have been disabled in the course of China's struggle for freedom. Naturaly most of the cases are soldiers, but civilians injured or mained through enemy air-raids must also be helped.

"Orthopaedics is usually concerned only with injuries of the limbs—the arms and legs — in which the bones are fractured or broken. But as war wounds often given rise to terrible deformity and disability, and injury which will lead to disability is now given attention by our service. Not only are broken limbs treated, but repair of head and jaw injuries, and of other body defects are now being undertaken. Artificial legs and arms, all kinds of braces and appliances for the body, even artificial jaws, noses, and we hope later—artificial eyes —are being made and fitted to suit each individual. Treatment of such cases is a long and tedious process requiring specialists with special equipment, such as X-Ray, diathermy and other physiotherapy apparatus.

"Time hangs wearily on the patient, and progress of cure is often discouraging. To keep up the morale of the soldier patient, he must be given something to do. Above all he must not be returned to society feeling an outcast unable to sustain himself or subsisting solely upon the pension which he may receive.

The Disabled

"The disabled are therefore encouraged to undergo vocational training along some line which is adapted to his disability and which will afford him a reasonable living by his own efforts. Such trades as tailoring, stocking-making, shoe-making, basket weaving soap-making etc. are being taught, not only for the material benefit which it gives the trainee but equally important for the spirit of independence and self-respect, which they inspire. The disabled after being treated and repaired feels as good as new, so to speak, and is prepared to take his place in the nation as a useful citizen. The Orthopaedic Centre is thus equipped and staffed to carry out vocational training.

"This is not all. To help the disabled soldier to start his little business and manage it afterwards, he is finally trained in co-operative management. The China Industrial Co-operatives is assisting in giving this training and in providing loans to purchase equipment and raw materials.

"The main objective of the Orthopaedic Centres of which three are now organised and others are set up as soon as funds are available, is thus the rehabilitation into civil life of every soldier discharged from the Army as disabled.

"There is, however, another equally important objective. That is the prevention of deformity and disability. Many wounds, often the light ones, will deteriorate into bad cases, if they are not properly treated at the beginninig. Many cases of amputation can be avoided and limbs saved, if properly handled at the start. By training the medical staff of the Army how to treat such canes during the first few days or weeks, we can substantially reduce the number of cases that eventually become disabled. At the same time, a better handling of the serious cases will often save lives.

The Chinese Red Cross

"This is the reason why the Orthopaedic Centres are attached to the Medical Service Training Schools and as there are going to be one School (and Hospital) in each War Area, there will eventually be an Orthopaedic Centre in each War Area. With good treatment given at an early stage, the number of disabled may be reduced by half or more.

"In this work of training the Chinese Red Cross is doing an important part, not only at the Centres, but also at the Front, where the Red Cross Units attached to Armies are doing their best to teach proper methods of handling right at the front, where the wounded man is first attended.

"Funds are needed for the work to provide buildings for hospitals and operating and special treatment rooms, for equipment and materials, for vocational training classes, for hostels, transport and for staff salaries and expenses.

"I am sure you will feel it your duty to help those who have suffered in the cause of their country and in the cause of freedom the world over."

Governor's Speech

His Excellency, the Governor said:—

"I want to put a very plain case to you this afternoon. We know—we cannot help but know—that on every stricken field in China there lie after each battle men—a few hours ago strong, hearty, now in an agony of pain—for whom the future holds one of three possible prospects, a lingering death, the blasted life of a cripple or, thirdly, restoration in part or in whole to health and strength.

"If we were actually to be confronted with such a one, and if the means to help him were at hand, stretcher, ambulance and hospital, who among us would hesitate to carry that stretcher and help with that ambulance until the victim of war had reached the surgeon? Would we not strain every nerve and muscle to get that man to hospital? Would we care whether we risked our very lives if he lay there in the flesh, bleeding at our feet?

"I tell you that thousands of these stricken, pain-tera, dying men are lying about you this very afternoon. Not here physically in Hong Kong, but over there in China for which land beats the heart of every Chinese man and Chinese woman and of every friend of China, however, loyal a British subject he or she may be.

"Those stricken men may be far away in reality, though not, I trust, far from your thoughts; but right here at hand you have stretchers, ambulances, hospitals, surgical instruments and all the rest of Dr. Robert Lim's crying needs; and you have them in very large quantities; not perhaps enough to fulfil all his requirements, but quite enough to save thousands of men from death or helpless crippledom.

"You may ask me where this great store is? The answer is the simplest possible: it is in your cheque-books But not only yours: you have been brought here not only for what you yourselves will give to help the men who are enduring almost hopeless agony in China's cause, but also that you may hear with your ears and publish abroad with your own tongues and pens the Appeal which Madame Kung is launching this afternoon for those mens' sake.

The Real Point

"Many of you, I know, have already given largely, generously, to previous appeals for China's sufferers. In one case it was to a Fund which I personally started, now all too nearly spent; but is the fact that you have already given, and given liberally, the real point? Is not the real point "Have I given enough?"

"I can suggest only one. When you meet a cripple, shattered in defence of your country, and can truthfully say to yourself, "I have left nothing undone, no sacrifice unmade, no dollar unspared, that might have saved that poor creature from his misery," then and then only will this word 'enough' be justifiable in your mouth.

"I hope that I have put the case as plainly as I promised. Dr. Lim has told you of the help which the Orthopaedic Centres started by him is giving to China's wounded and of the very urgent need which those centres have for expansion and equipment. I do not propose to cover that ground again nor to pad out my case with compliments, however well merited, to those who are identified with this most deserving cause. The fact that this Appeal is launched under the patronage of the highly distinguished lady whose name is associated with it is sufficient guarantee that every dollar that you give will be wholly and wisely spent on the Orthopaedic Centres. Of Dr. Lim's devoted work Bishop Hall has told you something and I will add no more to his words than to say that in Dr. Robert Lim the Generalissimo has a servant worthy of himself. I could not find higher praise than that.

"My part is to urge that Appeal on you and in doing so I ask two things of you. First that you will be its Apostles to all who may be willing to respond to it; and secondly that when you yourselves make your response you

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ROYAL AIR FORCE SUPREME IN WESTERN AIR

BRITISH PILOTS were declared by a United States Army observer in London to have already won "absolute supremacy" in the air over western Europe. He said he had seen photographic evidence that destruction by the Royal Air Force in the Reich far exceeded the damage done to London by the German attacks last autumn.

The American observer said that in the 100-mile arc from Dover swinging, across France and the Low Countries there was "no effective opposition, by day or night, to the Royal Air Force." The spectre of invasion of England, he said, had been "effectively banished" for the first time since it appeared in June, 1940.

In all this, said the observer, who had passed the last five weeks with the R.A.F., the British were making the most of the opportunity provided by the diversion of German warplanes to the Russian campaign. He disclosed that 'planes being used in the British raids are the most numerous loosed since the beginning of the war and that each craft was carrying a bomb load ranging from 4,000 to more than 8,000 pounds.

Nazi Fighters Outnumbered

The German defensive strength on the western front, he added, has been cut to a point "where British fighter escorts in daylight outnumber the German 'planes which attempt to intercept them."

The decrease in the number of German heavy bombers operating in western Europe is startling, he said, although "this does not mean that they can't still 'blitz' British cities, for their Messerschmitts (bomber-fighters) can carry a considerable bomb load."

The British, he went on, have "almost completely reversed the air position in a year," and are now attacking Germany nightly with more bombers a night than the Nazis themselves could loose twelve months ago.

This long campaign of heavy bombing, particularly in the industrial Ruhr, is, he said, "the only real help the British can give Russia right now."

Odds Being Shortened

"Every German 'plane knocked down shortens the numerical odds against the R.A.F. and the Red air forces," he commented.

"I've seen pictures and had other means of seeing the damage," he explained.

"You can take it from me that the Ruhr is catching hell. Military targets such as depots in the area back of the coast and along the lateral railroad have been battered. Airfields which were beautifully camouflaged are being knocked around."

The war of attrition against German fighter strength, he said, is equally important. He spoke of continuing British fighter action in hitting barracks and hangars with machine-gun fire.

BOOTHBY TO JOIN R.A.F.

MR. R. BOOTHBY, M.P., IS SHORTLY TO JOIN THE R.A.F. HE WILL RETAIN HIS SEAT IN PARLIAMENT.

Mr. Boothby, who became Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Food in May last year, resigned his post after the report of the House of Commons Select Committee which inquired into his conduct in connection with payments out of Czech assets in Britain.

Mr. Churchill, moving the Committee's report in the House of Commons on January 28, said: "One can only say that there are paths of service open in war time which are not open in times of peace, and some of these paths may be paths of honour."

STIRRING APPEAL FOR ORTHOPAEDIC HOSPITALS

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will keep before your eyes the vision of the broken men whom this Appeal sets out to help. If you see that picture clearly this Appeal will exceed all hopes."

Following a short talk by Dr. C. T. Wang, Mr. Tsuyee Pei disclosed that $20,000, in Chinese currency, had been received from Madame H. H. Kung, $50,000 from local banking organisations, and $20,000 from the British Fund for the Relief of Districts in China.

Mr. Lo's Appeal

The Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo said:—"His Excellency Sir Geoffry Northcote arrived in this Colony on October 25, 1937. An Address of Welcome on behalf of the Colony was read by the Honourable Sir Henry Pollock, K.C. In the course of his reply which, if I may say so, deeply impressed the Colony, His Excellency said:—

'The blackest cloud in our sky is the grievous war in which the two greatest nations in this quarter of the world are now engaged. It is not for me to express any view upon the merits or demerits of the contending causes. But, as you all know, a strong effort is being made at the instance of the Committee which advises the League of Nations on Far Eastern affairs, to discover means whereby this ghastly slaughter and misery of mankind and this violence done to human intercourse and commerce may be ended. All here will join me in the earnest hope that success will attend the Brussels Conference and that the tragic situation which has developed in China will be quickly cured. No signatory of the Nine Power Treaty will work more vigorously towards this much desired aim than the British Empire. Insofar as we in Hong Kong can support that endeavour, let us give every help that we can.'

"His Excellency's message of sympathy, delivered upon his stepping on the shores of this Colony, naturally afforded great satisfaction to the Chinese. Since His Excellency's arrival he has given his encouragement and support to every worthy cause in charitable aid to China, and in relief of distress.

"In November 1938 The British Fund for Relief of Distress in China, Hong Kong and South China Branch, was formally inaugurated. It is well known that His Excellency is, and has since its inception been, Patron of this Fund. But it may not be so generally known that it was His Excellency himself who inspired the organisation of this Fund and did so much to bring it about, including drafting the inaugural appeal to the public.

Farewell Present

"When His Excellency was recently approached that the Chinese in the Colony would like to make a farewell presentation to His Excellency, he expressed the strong wish that every cent which the Chinese could afford should be devoted to charitable relief in China, and it is out of deference to His Excellency's wishes that the Chinese farewell presentation will be confined to an address framed in blackwood.

"And now, on the eve of His Excellency's departure, and under the shadow of an illness which we all earnestly hope will be completely dispelled when His Excellency permits himself the leisure to think of himself and to receive expert medical treatment, he has taken the trouble not only of attending this function to signify his sunpport, but of making an appeal which I know must have profoundly touched the heart and soul of everyone present.

"Even if no tangible results should come of to-day's appeal, I can assure His Excellency that when he leaves us he will take with him the abiding gratitude of all Chinese for his sympathy for and help to China. He will, too, have the satisfaction of knowing that his Fund has already expanded over $700,000.00 for the relief of distress and suffering. But I can not believe that this appeal can fail. On the contrary, I am confident that as the result of to-day's meeting we can raise H.K.$200,000 to provide the orthopoedic Centres in Free China which are so badly needed. In that case I know no one will rejoice more than His Excellency. His Excellency's inspiring appeal which we have just heard, and, above all, the fruitful results of that appeal, will indeed be a happy and fitting culmination of His Excellency's labours in Hong Kong in the cause of China.

Among those present were H.E. Sir Geoffry Northcote, Bishop Hall, Dr. C. T. Wang, Dr. Robert Lim, Mr. M. K. Lo, Mr. Tsuyee Pei, Mr. K. P. Chen, Mr. Y. S. Doo, Mr. Sung Han-chang, Mr. P. N. Chung, Mr. T. N. Lee, Mr. Li Tse-fong, Mr. M. Y. Tang, Mr. Sou Z. Chang, Mr. Kan Tong-po, Sir Robert Ho Tung, Sir Shouson Chow, The Hon. Mr. Thomas Tam, The Commodore, The Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith, Lady Macgregor, The Hon. Mr. D. J. Sloss, Mr. J. P. Pennefather-Evans, The Hon. Dr. P. S. Selwyn-Clarke, Mr. A. Wessellus, Director of the American Red Cross, Bishop Valtorta, Mr. W. H. Lock, Dr. W. W. Yen, Dr. F. C. Yen, Mr. E. Cock, Dr. S. N. Chau, Dr. Li Shu-fan, Mrs. P. S. Selwyn-Clarke, Mr. B. W. Tapo, Mr. Hsu Shi-ying, Mr. M. H. Lo and Mr. M. W. Lo.

NEUTRAL EXPOSES AXIS RADIO

In a fully documented article on the front page of the Buenos Aires La Nacion, Leonardo Spearman, the newspaper's London correspondent, gives an account of what he describes as a 'malicious attempt" by Berlin and Rome radio to misrepresent his despatches.

He reproduces sentences which the Axis radio took from his despatches, torn from their context, wrongly to represent him as stating that British morale was weak.

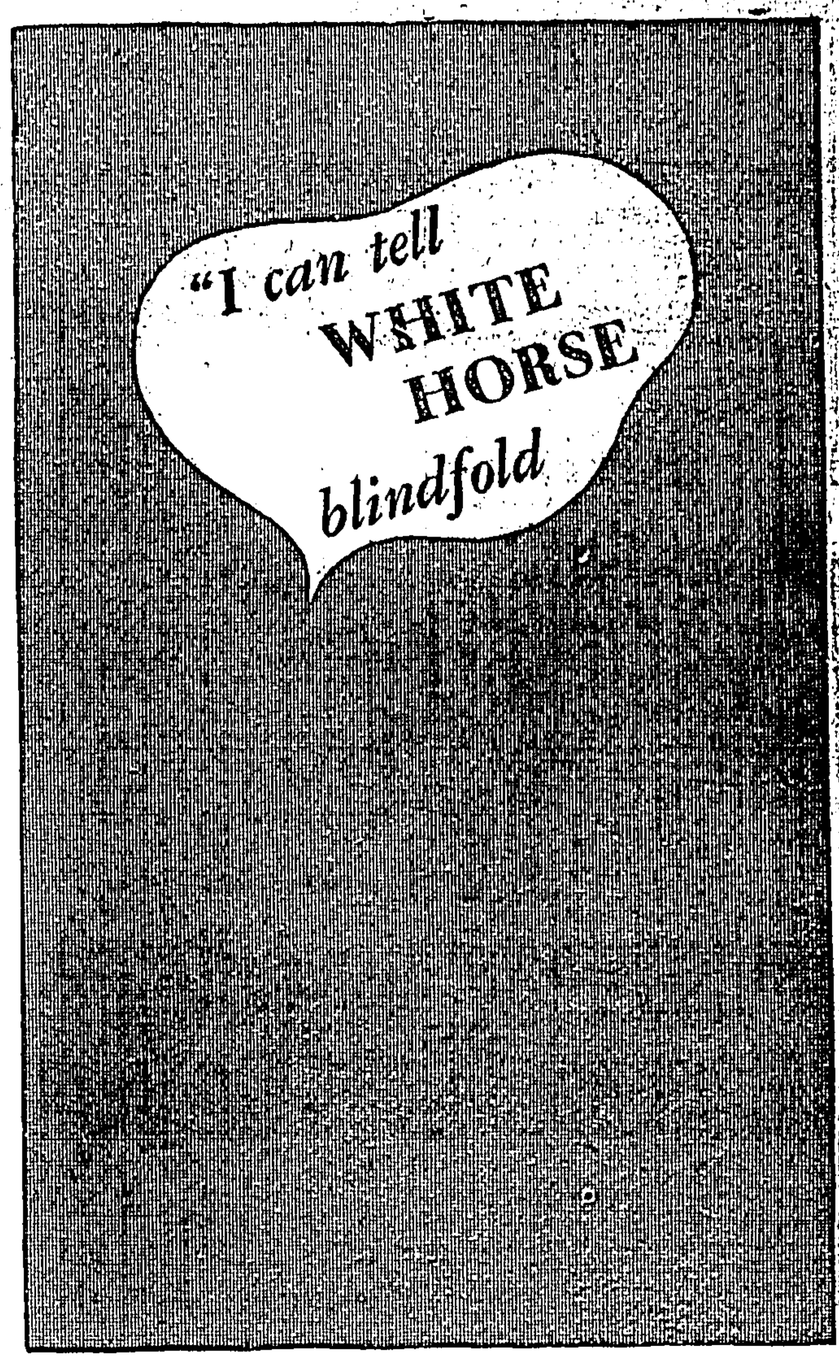
NEW RANKS IN THE R.A.F.

TWO NEW RANKS ARE TO BE INTRODUCED INTO THE ROYAL AIR FORCE. THEY WILL PROBABLY BE FLIGHT SERGEANT PILOT AND WARRANT OFFICER PILOT.

No date can yet be given for the institution of the new ranks.

Hitherto sergeant pilot has been the only non-commissioned rank available to pilots in the Service. The result has been that no advancement has been possible except by taking a commission, a thing which some sergeant pilots may not wish to do or may not have the opportunity to do.

The introduction of the new large-size bombers has made it more than ever desirable that there should be some advancement open to sergeant pilots other than through the taking of commissioned rank. The chief pilots of these big machines undertake large responsibilities.



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THE DIVIDEND WILL BE PAYABLE on and after MONDAY, 11th August, at the offices of the Corporation, where Shareholders are requested to apply for Warrants.

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BRIDGE NOTES

A MISSED GAME
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"Where must be something wrong with our bidding," writes A.W.D., of Washington, D.C., "but we can't tell what it was. Maybe you can help us:

South, Dealer
North-South vulnerable

NORTH
♠ A 8 5
♡ 8 7 3
◇ 5
♣ A Q J 9 8 3

WEST
♠ 6 2
♡ A 6
◇ A K 10 8 4
♣ 10 7 6 2

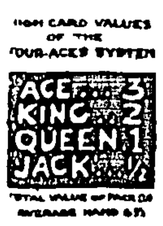
EAST
♠ Q 10 9 4 3
♡ Q 5 2
◇ Q J 6 2
♣ 4

SOUTH
♠ K J 7
♡ K J 10 9 4
◇ 9 7 3
♣ K 5

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
Pass	1◇	2♣	2◇
2♡	Pass	Pass	Pass

"There we were at all of two hearts, with four hearts colder than a mackerel! As a matter of fact, I made five hearts because the defence wasn't anything to brag about.



"But who am I to sneer about the defence when I couldn't even get to a cold game? My partner and I have wrestled with the hand long and earnestly, but we still don't know how it could have been bid. What do you say about it?"

We say that it's not an easy hand to bid, but the game should be reached if the two partners are good bidders and trust each other. Everything was pretty logical up to and including West's pass on the second round. But North's pass was a different story.

South had bid two hearts—freely and vulnerable. He wasn't trying to wriggle out of a bad spot, since East had bid two diamonds and South could have passed with a bad hand. South couldn't have a four-card suit or even a weak five-card suit, since he had voluntarily come in with his bid at the level of two when vulnerable.

In short, North did not have to worry about the strength of the trump suit. South had at least a strong five-card suit; and North's three small hearts were ample support. Surely North's strong clubs, singleton diamond, and spade Ace were enough to suggest a game at hearts. Hence North should have raised to three hearts, strongly inviting South to go on to game. And, since South had about as much as could be expected (considering his original pass), he would have bid four hearts.

* * *

Yesterday you were Merwin Maier's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you held:

♠ K 10 4
♡ 9 2
◇ K J 4 3
♣ Q 7 3 2

The bidding:

Maier	Schenken	You	Jacoby
1♠	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♡	Pass	(?)	

ANSWER: Bid three no-trump. You have a fairly good hand for a simple raise, and can best indicate the scattered nature of your strength and balanced distribution by bidding three no-trump at this stage. If your partner has a real two-suiter, he will probably bid again; but if his hand is well balanced, he will pass and you will be at the most logical contract.

Score 100% for three no-trump, 30% for three spades.

Question No. 774

To-day you are Howard Schenken's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you hold:

♠ K 10 4
♡ K J 4 3
◇ 9 2
♣ Q 7 3 2

The bidding:

Schenken	Maier	You	Jacoby
1♠	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♡	Pass	(?)	

What do you bid? (Answer to-morrow).

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POLICE STOPPED MASSACRE OF NAZIS

How prompt action by the French police prevented a massacre in Paris, and how Germans are ruthlessly rounding up and interning Jews there, was told by an American woman, long resident in Paris, who has arrived in Lisbon.

On Joan of Arc day—May 11—the authorities took precautions against possible demonstrations and had police flying squads ready at key points throughout the capital.

Parisians were unable to form processions, but many walked along the Rue de Rivoli and quietly raised their hats to Joan's statue by the Louvre.

Suddenly a commotion was heard, and a man, carrying a French flag and a rosary, came along arguing with a German policeman. He reached a statue and attempted to a kneel before it, refusing to move on.

Several German police, now watched by a growing crowd, tried to drag him away. The man fought until the German policeman, drawing his revolver, shot him dead.

At this the crowd increased quickly and began shouting.

Troops Called

The German police blew their whistles and German troops turned out.

But the French police arrived just in time to get between the soldiers and the people, whom they drove into the Tuileries Gardens and closed the gates.

Later the Germans arrested 400 people who have since disappeared.

BART'S THRICE BOMBED

Although St. Bartholomew's Hospital has been hit by bombs three times in raids on London and the buildings have been severely damaged, the staff has escaped on each occasion.

The first damage was done on a night in September, when a bomb fell just outside the nurses' home. A part of the basement, where some nurses slept, was flooded, but there were no casualties. Later in September a bomb demolished the anatomical lecture theatre and some annexes. Again the staff escaped.

On the night of the great fire raid on London it was decided to remove at once 102 of the 225 patients. Within two hours every patient had arrived safely at another hospital many miles away.

Mr. George Aylwen, treasurer of the hospital, in his 1940 report, says he cannot speak too highly of the way in which the nurses have maintained the great tradition of their profession.

PANTECHNICON TO ROB HOUSE

Patrick Joseph Clews, 23, a mechanic, showed himself to be a thief on a big scale by using a pantechnicon to remove £1,069 worth of property from a house. A scrap of paper led to his being sentenced at the Old Bailey to three years' penal servitude.

Clews pleaded guilty to charges of house-breaking at Wandsworth and to looting premises at Putney of articles valued at £355.

He was not traced until after he had broken into a house in Wimbledon Park Road, Wandsworth. Nearly 1,000 articles, valued at £1,069, were taken. Clews said he pawned some of his clothes to hire a pantechnicon to go to the house.

In the grounds of the house police found a piece of paper which related to the journey and the vehicle. This led them to the warehousemen who had been engaged and then to Clews.

The office stenog says it's the boss' indisposition and not her sunburn that turns working hours on Monday into one long heated argument.

PRISONERS OF WAR PARCELS

Field-Marshal Sir Philip Chetwode, chairman of the executive of the British Red Cross and St. John War Organisation, stated at a luncheon of the Anglo-Swedish Society in London that British prisoners of war in Germany were now receiving a regular and generous supply of parcels.

He had just received a telegram from Geneva asking the organisation not to send so many as it could not deal with them.

"Something Funny"

There was no record, Sir Philip stated, either in the last war or this, of the Germans taking any parcels. At some of the camps, however, "something very funny" was going on.

At Oflag 7 CH, which was full of officers, a good many parcels had been received, but letters from prisoners were contradictory.

A woman said her husband wrote from this camp stating that he had had no food or clothes and was miserable. Another woman said that her son wrote from the same camp at the same time stating that they were receiving so many food parcels that they were having to make cupboards to take them.

Sir Philip added that he knew both men personally and neither would tell an untruth.

Spares For Weeks

"If all the parcels we now have on the sea get through we shall have, with the 10,000 parcels a week we get from Canada, a great many weeks' spares' in case of accident," he continued.

Sir Philip also disclosed that between £17,000 and £18,000 worth of supplies was sent to Greece by the Red Cross. He did not think much had been lost, because it was sent in small quantities, as required, from Cyprus and the Middle East.

They had sent £105,766 worth of supplies to the Middle East, and more was going out every day.

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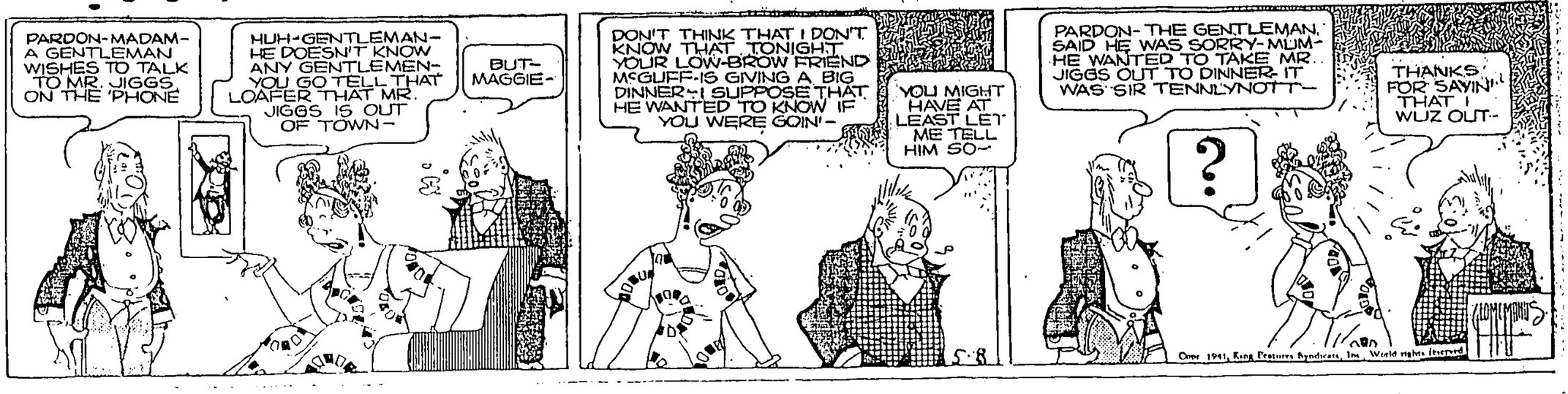

A PAGE FOR WOMEN

Hold Your Man By Being Beguiling

The war is creating strong competition for the girl who is in love with a soldier boy! Absence may, and then again it may not, make his heart grow fonder! It depends entirely upon the girl's tactics.

When you see him you must be beguiling. You must be jolly and sympathetic and interested in the details of his new, strange life. He must leave you with reluctance, thinking you are the prettiest, the most sympathetic and the most amusing girl he could ever meet. Then every other lass who comes his way will offer you no competition!

Be Poised

Quite aware of this romantic problem, a cosmetic firm has presented an entire new line of beauty aids which they have named forget-me-not. There's a feminine bath oil and lovely soap, a lush cologne, cleansings, and an after-bath powder. With these you are supposed to make yourself sweet and fresh as a flower and while you are doing so, you smile well on. You'll begin to sing (for he'll be coming home for a whole week-end!) and your face and eyes will light up with your pleasure. Then you are ready for a fresh new make-up of the same line: a warm rich face powder, rouge and lipstick of a fascinating "blued" red. (Just the right contrast for your summer dresses or your military suit.)

Thus groomed and prettied take time to make attractive the room in which you receive him. Environment should be pleasing, too, for that is your setting just as the ring is the setting for a jewel!

"Forget-me-not," urges this young draftee as he presents his best girl with fragrant beauty aids as a farewell gift. She seems delighted with the cologne!

Now a little lecture from your Aunt Patricia! I'm going to tell you what not to do if you wish to be beguiling!

Some girls make the horrible mistake of talking themselves out of a man's affections. If competition becomes too keen a boy gives up. But if the boy knows you are rooting for him while he is at camp, and waiting for him to get home again, no girl will be able to take him away from you! He will remember how sweet and poised and fragrant you were the last night he saw you, and you will become the girl he cannot forget!

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Are You A Cabbage?

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You're not going to sit down under that, surely?

The old, rather underdone, boiled, is one of the worst of vegetables, and yet it can be made absolutely delicious.

Cabbage puree with a little bit of margarine in it. . . . That sharp, tasty salad of cole slaw with some vinegar . . . You see the idea?

Dish yourself up differently!

You can be sound without being solemn.

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You can remain your own nice self and keep your standards without being so stiff about fairly nice people whose standards are different.

Above all, you can switch out of thinking that "but I never do that" is a sufficient reason in itself for not trying something new.

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Do you realise that by making wholesomeness so unattractive you're doing more harm than by being a cheap flirt?

You're wasting a good thing and driving people to something worse.

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So, work that out, shake yourself up, and realise that cabbage can be the best vegetable of all.

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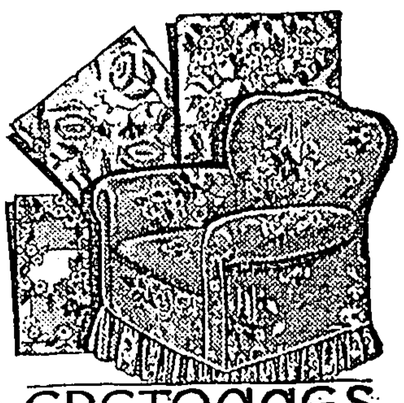

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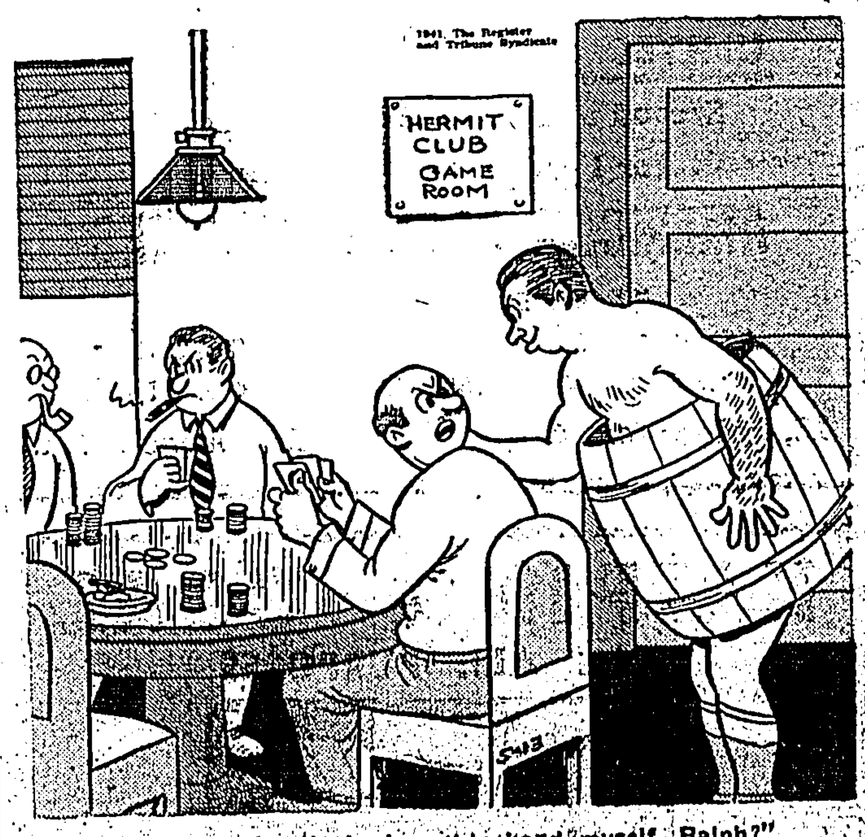

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RADIO

12.15 p.m.—A Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 p.m.—Louis Levy & His Gaumont-British Symphony and Sam Browne (Baritone).

"The Story of Vernon and Irene Castle"—Selection....Louis Levy & his orchestra.

The One Rose (Lyon and McIntyre); A Star Fell Out Of Heaven (Gordon & Revel)....Sam Browne.

Will You Remember—Waltz (from film "Maytime"—Young, Romberg); Swing High, Swing Low (from film "Swing High, Swing Low"—Freed & Lane)....Louis Levy & his Gaumont-British Symphony.

What's Good For the Goose, Is Good For the Gander (Friend)....Sam Browne & Girl Friend with two pianos.

"Hollywood Hotel" — Selection....Louis Levy & his orchestra.

1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Programme Summary.

1.02 p.m.—Some Dixon "Hits".

Dixon Hits, No 24—Intro: How'dja You Like To Love Me; Love Walked In; Meet Me Down In Sunset Valley; I Won't Tell A Soul; The Sweetest Song In The World; The Chocolate Soldier's Daughter.

Dixon Hits, No. 25—Intro: Says My Heart; Now It Can Be Told; Alexander's Ragtime Band; It's d'Lovely; There's Rain In My Eyes; Everyone Must Have a Sweetheart.

Dixon Hits, No. 27—Intro: Blue Skies Are Round The Corner; The Umbrella Man; Day Dreaming.

1.18 p.m.—Songs by Lucienne Boyer.

Mon P'tit Kaki (Lettre de Femme—Bernstein & others); Tommy Et La Petite Francaise (Christine); C'est Ma Faute (Jean Delettre); Son Regard (Michel Emer).

1.30 p.m.—Reuter & Rugby Press and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—Dance Music.

Fox-Trots—It All Comes Back To Me Now; Talkin' To My Heart....Hal Kemp & his orchestra.

Tango—Fireflowers ... Heinz Huppertz & his orchestra.

Fox-Trot—Danse Gitane; Slow-Gitane—Carmen, Carmela .... Orchestre Manolo Bel Et Ses Muchachos.

Fox-Trots—Lay Your Racket; I Want You To-night....Sidney Bechet & his New Orleans Feet-Warmers.

Vocal—Out Of The Blue; Waltz—Memories Live Longer Than Dreams....Jack Payne & his Band.

2.15 p.m.—Close down

6.00 p.m.—Indian Programme.

6.45 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.47 p.m.—Albert Sandler & His Orchestra with Jeanette McDonald (Soprano) and Charles Kullman (Tenor).

Life Is Nothing Without Music (Hartley); Tristesse (So Deep Is The Night—Chopin)....Albert Sandler & his orchestra.

Serenade (Ravini's Serenade)....Charles Kullman with orchestra.

Heartless (Meisel); Gipsy, Sing For Me (Meisel)....Albert Sandler & his orchestra.

Try To Forget (from film "Cat & The Fiddle"—Kern, Harbach); To-night Will Teach Me To Forget (from film "The Merry Widow"—Kahn—Stothart and Lehar)....Jeanette MacDonald with orchestra.

You Will Remember Vienna; I Bring A Love Song (Theme Song "Viennese Nights"—Romberg)....Albert Sandler & his orchestra.

Vale (Farewell) (D'Arcy & Russell); Love, Here Is My Heart (Ross & Silesu)... Charles Kullman with orchestra & organ.

Love's Last Word (Cremieux)....Albert Sandler & his orchestra.

One Kiss (from film "New Moon"—Mandel, Hammerstein II-Romberg)....Jeanette MacDonald with orch.

7.30 p.m.—Portuguese Programme.

8.00 p.m.—London—The News.

8.15 p.m.—London—War Commentary.

8.25 p.m.—London—"Listening Post". Examination of Points in Daily German Propaganda.

8.30 p.m.—Programme Summary.

8.32 p.m.—Compositions of Greig.

Peer Gynt Suite No. 2, Op. 55: Ingrid's Lament—Arabian Dance—The Return of Peer Gynt—Solveig's Song....New Light Symphony Orchestra cond. by Eugene Goossens.

Im Kahne (In The Boat), Op. 60, No. 3....Kirsten Flagstad (Soprano) with piano.

Elegiac Melodies, Op. 34—Heart Wounds—Spring .... The London Philharmonic Orchestra cond. by Eugene Goossens.

9.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Announcements.

9.02 p.m.—Sergei Rachmaninoff (Piano) and Theodore Chaliapine (Bass).

Serenade, Op. 3, No. 5 (Rachmaninoff); Scherzo (Borodin)....Sergei Rachmaninoff.

"Roussalka"—Aria of the Miller; "Ruesain & Ludmila"—Rondo of Farlaff (Patter Song—Glinka)....Theodore Chaliapine with orchestra.

Polka De W. R. (Rachmaninoff)....Sergei Rachmaninoff.

The Prisoner (Rubinstein) .... Theodore Chaliapine with piano.

Tritoka En Traineaux (In A Three-Horse Sleigh) Op. 37, No. 11 (Tchaikovsky) .... Sergei Rachmaninoff.

9.25 p.m.—Brahms Clarinet and Piano Sonata in E Flat Major.

Allegro Amabile—Allegro Appassionato ma non troppo—Andante con moto—Allegro con moto....Frederick Thurston (Clarinet) and Myers Foggin (Piano).

9.48-10.00 p.m.—News in French (on Short Wave only).

9.45 p.m.—Concert Waltzes.

Du Und Du—Waltz ("Die Fledermaus"—(The Bat)—J. Strauss)....Orchestra Mascotte.

Danube Waves—Waltz; On The Shore—Waltz .... International Dance Orchestra.

Evening Stars—Waltz (J. Lanner); Good-night—Waltz (Wood, Bibo, Conrad)....Orchestra Mascotte.

10.00 p.m.—London — News & News Commentary.

10.15 p.m.—An Hour of Popular Dance Music and Variety.

Fox-Trot—A Nightingale Sang In Berkeley Square (from film "New Faces")....Joe Loss & his orch.

Vocal—The Cockeyed Mayor of Kaunakakai; Rhumboogie (from "Argentine Nights")....The Andrew Sisters & Vic Scheon & his orchestra.

Slow Fox-Trot—And So Do I; Fox-Trot—Only Forever (from film "Rhythm On the River")....Billy Cotton and his Band.

Piano—All The Things You Are....."Hutch" Leslie A. Hutchinson.

Fox-Trots—Two Dreams Met; Down Argentina Way (from film "Down Argentine Way")....Oscar Rabin & his Band.

Vocal—It's Foolish But It's Fun (from film "Spring Parade"); Beneath the Lights of Home (from film "Nice Girl")....Deanna Durbin with Charles Previn & his orch.

Fox-Trot—The Swiss Bellringer; Quick-Step—The Ferry Boat Serenade....The New Mayfair Dance Orchestra.

Comedian—The Sweetheart Of The Fleet; Bless 'Em All....Arthur Askey with orchestra.

Fox-Trot—We Three (My Echo, My Shadow, and Me)....Tommy Dorsey & his orchestra.

Vocal—I'm Just Wild About Harry (from film 'Babes In Arms")....Judy Garland with Vic Young & his orchestra.

Fox-Trot—Yes, My Darling Daughter ....Benny Goodman & his orch.

Vocal — Yesterthoughts .... Kenny Baker with orchestra.

Fox-Trot—Oh Johnny, Oh Johnny, Oh....Orrin Tucker & his orchestra.

11.15 p.m.—Close down.

PIGEONS AS "OTHER WINGS" OF R.A.F.

FROM MAY TO NOVEMBER last year 320 messages were sent by carrier pigeon from R.A.F. aircraft, only a few of them being SOS appeals, and of these 307 were delivered safely.

One brought news from the Netherlands to the East Midlands in four hours and 10 minutes. Two, released in an entirely strange direction, covered 340 miles in 11 hours.

They had to cross two countries, and a sea, but both made it perfectly.

One young pigeon delivered an SOS, against a Channel gale, over 175 miles of raging sea, in eight and a half hours of fierce relentless fighting with the elements.

The Signals Directorate of the Air Ministry controls R.A.F. pigeons. Approved Pigeon Clubs through Britain are encouraged to train birds so as to keep up a supply for the forces. A committee of prominent racing pigeon fanciers has organised the Racing Pigeon Service, thus enabling thousands to make the services of their birds and their own skill available to Britain.

Birds Carefully Protected

The National Pigeon Service is another organisation which breeds these invaluable birds for the R.A.F. and the Army. It employs its own birds on message work for the Services. And so essential a part do they play that it has become an offence to shoot a homing pigeon. Further, to protect them from natural enemies, the destruction of peregrine falcons has been ordered. Seventy-eight eyries were located and from them a heavy toll had been levied on carrier pigeons.

The high speed of aircraft has caused problems in the release of pigeons during flight. The bird would have small chance of survival if released in the normal way at any great speed. So the difficulty is being overcome by stalling the 'plane while the bird is let go. If circumstances do not permit this, then the bird is thrown clear in a slotted paper bag which acts as wind resister. It is simple for the pigeon to fight its way out of the bag.

In November, 1918, there were 2,000 pigeons and 150 mobile lofts on active service with the British forces. South Africa has not forgotten this. The bombers of the South African Air Force carry four birds each in specially constructed baskets so that an airman, forced down in the sea or the desert with a radio which has failed, can get word back to headquarters.

Some of these wonderful birds have travelled 600 miles in a day. They average about 45 m.p.h. but given suitable wind and air conditions, they can do 60 miles an hour or better.

500,000 in Service

There are said to be half a million pigeons on active service with the British forces on all fronts to-day. In the last war the birds were adapted to war purposes by making use of the instinctive desire to return to the mate, even by starvation to stimulate the desire to get back to the loft for food. Now they are trained by kindness. Fanciers have learned that the homing pigeon is intelligent enough to do anything required of it. A training method has been adopted to make the bird especially contented with its loft, at the same time to impress upon it what it needed outside the home.

So that wherever the mobile loft goes it will want to get back to it. From the age of four months onwards, they are put to training. As they grow larger and stronger they are taken further and further from the loft and forced to fly back.

They are even trained to return by means of a sound which the birds associate with feeding time. It is the "mess call." And as, during preliminary training, the mobile loft is moved every day, the birds become accustomed to look for it anywhere.

When prepared for long flights, a leg or a back container is fitted for messages. The "signal" is written on thin paper so that, with the container, it weighs very little indeed. The "back container," designed for carrying maps and photographs, is held in place by harness which is very carefully fitted to each bird so that the "capsule" is perfectly balanced on its back. By this method loads of as much as three ounces have been carried.

The birds carried by the R.A.F. bombers have message cylinders attached to their legs with a special white patch on the outside so that the airman can inscribe his position in a few seconds if he has to send out an SOS. In case the bird alights on a ship, instructions to send the message onwards are printed on the back of the SOS form. This intelligent anticipation has saved a lot of time on several occasions.

£100,000 DEBTS OF 'DISOWNED' SON

Discharge from bankruptcy was sought at London Bankruptcy Court for Mr. Derrick Julius Wernher, who was stated to have contracted liabilities of over £100,000 through extravagance and gambling when young.

His counsel, Mr. Melford Stevenson, said: "In 1912 this young man was the son of a rich father. He had a terrible urge for gambling and became known to the touts of London and Paris who prayed on expectant heirs.

"He was then a wild young man. He was disowned by his father and left the country in disgrace, abandoning his social position."

It was stated that Mr. Wernher was now in the United States. He failed in 1912 and his assets realised £1,442.

The Registrar was informed that a relative was willing to put up £9,500, which would provide a dividend of 2s in the pound. Immediate discharge was granted, subject to Mr. Wernher's consenting to judgment for the amount.

Heir at law of Sir Julius Charles Wernher, on whom a baronetcy was conferred in 1905 and who died in 1912, the debtor was referred to throughout the court proceedings as Mr. Wernher.

PACIFIC BASES GET RECRUITS

Scores of fledgling Air Corps pilots are being sent to Hawaii and the Philippines, it was disclosed for duty with the rapidly expanding air fleets based in the Pacific.

Latest transfer orders published by the War Department show that some 116 second Lieutenants who have recently won their wings have been ordered to embark for the Pacific outposts in the next three weeks. The fliers are from Brooks and Kelley fields in Texas, and the advance flying school at Stockton, Calif.

The number of these assignments was regarded as evidence that the air squadrons at Hawaii and the Philippines have been heavily reinforced in the last several months. Some authorities consider it possible that the number of combat craft now at Pacific posts runs into several hundreds.

The strategy which dictated establishment of strong air squadrons in Hawaii and the Philippines apparently is based on building up a powerful, co-ordinated striking force of both air and surface craft

For the Army, this has meant basing a large portion of its available bombers, fighters, pursuit 'planes and the like on the Islands rather than in the continental United States.

That necessity has, in turn, raised the problem of how to give young pilots actual Army flying experience in high-speed, complex combat ships once they have completed their work with the slower training 'plane. Apparently the policy of assigning scores, if not hundreds of these men to the two Pacific departments was the solution hit upon.

MILLIONAIRESS NEVER USED £24,000 SHELTER

AFTER BUILDING "the finest air-raid shelter in the country" at a cost of £24,000 in the garden of her mansion overlooking Torbay, Mrs. Ella Marion Rowcroft, eighty-one-year-old millionairess, has died without using it, writes Montague Lacey in the "Daily Express."

When an air-raid warning came to Torquay, Mrs. Rowcroft stayed in her house with a Bible by her side, thinking not of herself, but of other people who were being bombed.

"I'm not afraid," the invalid woman would say to her staff of eighteen servants as the sirens sounded. "I won't go down there. Other people must carry on, so will we."

She called in experts and ordered them to make a shelter that was bombproof and gasproof. It took two years to complete. Mrs. Rowcroft had to be wheeled in a chair, and she staged rehearsals to see how quickly she and the staff could get into the shelter. These were the only times she used it.

An aged servant wearing a black tie and speaking in hushed whispers of his dead mistress, who gave away hundreds of thousands of pounds in Torquay, escorted me round the shelter.

A lift took us more than thirty feet-down below the ground into a fifty-yard-long corridor, with rooms opening out on each side. "There's nothing like this anywhere in the country," said the old servant, with pride in his voice. "It was well planned."

He put his hand to a switch, and the corridor was a blaze of light. It looked like the corridor of a luxury hotel with its shaded lights and beautiful brass fittings.

Then we went into the bedroom which the millionairess planned for herself. The bed was still made up, with its warm silken covering, and a beautiful plush carpet on the floor. At the head of the bed was a bronze plate with the words: "Angels are watching overhead. Sleep sweetly, then. Goodnight."

By the bedside stood a table with a Bible, lavender water, barley sugar, calfsfoot jelly, and a small flask of brandy.

Paintings

The bedroom had shaded lights, and let into the walls were copies of paintings in the mansion. These pictures of seaside scenes could be illuminated by pressing a switch.

On one side of the bedroom was the furnished sitting-room, and on the other the bathroom with hot and cold water. Each room of the shelter had solid two inch oak doors with triple fastenings.

"We have our own telephone down here, and there is an electric fan for the air," said my guide. "Above us is more than thirty feet of steel, concrete, and thousands of bags of sand. On top of that is lots of earth, and flowers growing on top. No bomb would ever get down here."

Miss Mountford, the housekeeper, said: "Our mistress was a very brave woman, and I don't think she would have used the shelter unless things were really bad. It will probably be used by patients at the convalescent home in the grounds here which she gave to the town."

Mrs. Rowcroft was the eldest daughter of the late Sir Edward Payson Wills, of the Bristol tobacco family. Her gifts to the town included £200,000 to build Torbay Hospital.

ADJUSTING WAR TIME DEBTS

'Humane' Men As Mediators

The House of Commons addressed itself for three hours to adjustments of the Liabilities (War-Time Adjustment) Bill in the interests of those who, through the mischances of war, are unable to pay their debts. The object of the Bill, which passed the Committee stage, is to set up machinery to save such debtors from the stigma of bankruptcy.

Sir Herbert Williams (Cons.) asked for an assurance as to the kind of person who will be recruited as a liabilities adjustment officer. These officers will work out schemes of settlement between debtors and their creditors, and he was anxious lest they should import the atmosphere and talk of the bankruptcy courts.

The Attorney-General, Sir Donald Somervell, met him sympathetically.

"I can give an assurance," he said, "that the Lord Chancellor agrees with the desirability of getting men who will deal with this matter on humane and friendly lines, and will not approach it from the point of view of debt-collecting, or from any personal bias against the principle of conciliation."

Hire Purchase Payment For Value

Sir Donald Somervell accepted in principle an amendment moved by Sir Herbert Williams in the interests of hire-purchase traders. It provided that they should get, under a liability adjustment order, a sum which, added to the amount already paid by the debtor in respect to the hire-purchase price, would at least equal the value of their goods at the date of the order.

Government amendments were afterwards agreed to permit the courts:

To adjust rates of interest to changed values of mortgaged properties; and

To approve the continuation of adjustment proceedings after the death of the debtor, unless they are satisfied that the benefits are going to others than the debtor's family.

CUT IN EXTRA PETROL RATION

Motorists who draw supplementary petrol rations are to have these allowances reduced. It is understood that the cut is likely to be between 10 and 20 per cent. of the existing grant.

Announcing the impending reduction, the Secretary for Petroleum, Mr. Geoffrey Lloyd, stated that the greatly increased requirements of the fighting forces necessitated further economies in th civilian consumption of petrol.

The cuts would be made in supplementary allowances for the next rationing period of June and July. Motorists were asked to accept these reductions in the national interest.

"In no circumstances," he continued, "should any owners of private cars and motor-cycles apply for extra petrol unless it is absolutely needed for business or other essential purposes, and no one should ask for a larger allowance than is necessary.

"Applications in respect of the period June-July should be made as soon as possible after May 7, and must be accompanied by the registration book of the vehicle."

SOLDIER SHOOTS POLICE

Firing as he ran, a soldier chased policemen in and out of rooms at York City police-station. After wounding two detectives he was found in a corridor with chest wounds, from which he died.

Earlier the soldier had been seen at an hotel by Det.-Insp. Thomas Capstick and Det-Constable James Pickup. He was wearing the uniform of a corporal. He accompanied the officers to the police-station.

There he was taken upstairs to the C.I.D. office, Shots were heard, and Inspr. Capstick was wounded in the wrist. Another shot missed Sgt. Thackray but hit Det-Constable Fred Browes in the thigh.

Another constable named Barlow had a lucky escape. He backed into a corner when he saw the revolver pointed at him and heard the trigger pulled, but the revolver did not fire.

Later another shot was heard, and the soldier was found with fatal chest wounds in a corridor.

It was stated at York County Hospital that the wounded detectives were making satisfactory progress.

DOROTHY THOMPSON PRAISED

A message from Mr. Churchill was read by the President's mother, Mrs. Sara Delano Roosevelt, at a dinner in honour of Miss Dorothy Thompson, the newspaper columnist.

"Miss Thompson," Mr. Churchill declared, "has shown what one valiant woman can do with the power of the pen. Freedom and humanity are her grateful debtors."

President Roosevelt sent a message reading, "Through the dark years of totalitarian assault on all we hold most dear your clean and consistent defence of democracy has been a force of incalculable value in formulating public opinion and arousing all Americans to the necessity of eternal vigilance, which now, as always, is the price of liberty."

Referring to the President in her speech, Miss Thompson said, "Only a few weeks, a few days, perhaps only a few hours, intervene between now and the greatest decision any man has ever had to make for his fellowmen."

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POLICE 'A' PROMINENT IN SUMMER POSTAL LEAGUE RIFLE SHOOTING

FIRST RESULTS OF THE SUMMER FOSTAL LEAGUE IN HONG KONG RIFLE ASSOCIATIONS MINIATURE RIFLE SECTION HAVE PRODUCED SOME EXCELLENT INDIVIDUAL SCORES, ALTHOUGH SEVERAL TEAMS LOST THEIR MATCHES BY NOT HAVING A FOURTH MARKSMAN UP TO THE SHOOTING STANDARD OF HIS FELLOW TEAM MEMBERS.

Hong Kong Police "A" team produced the highest scores of the period on their 20 yards range, with a 362 against R.A.F. "A" and 347 against Punjab "E".

A close result was provided by the Middlesex Regiment "E" team, who scored 342, and Royal Scots "C" Coy. "A", with 341, both returning good average scores.

The highest individual Open Sight scores of the period were:—

C.H.M. Adal Sher (Punjab "D")	94
6gt F. E. Russell (H.K. Police)	93
Nk. Noor Alam (Rajput "D")	93
Sgt. Puran Singh (H.K. Police "A")	93
C.S.M. Milne (Royal Scots "D" Coy. "A")	92

Scores in the Aperture Sight League were not high, R.A.F. returning the highest score of the period with 386 against H.K. Police "A". Sgt. Wall (H.K. Police "A") returned 99, the highest individual score.

Results of matches completed on July 13 are as follows:

FIRST DIVISION FIXTURES

H.K. Police "A" (20 yards) 362 v R.A.F 316

2nd/14th Punjab Regt "A" 280 v H K V D C "A" 246

H.K. Police Reserve (20 yards) 329 v 2nd/14th Punjab Regt "B" 318

22nd (F) Coy R.E. 272 v 5th/7th Rajput Regt "A" 286 •

2nd/14th Punjab Regt "C" 311 v Royal Scots H Q Coy "A" 318

5th/7th Rajput Regt "B" 312 v Middlesex Regt "A" 277

Royal Scots "A" Coy 300 v H K R N V R "A" 298

5th/7th Rajput Regt "C" 281 v Royal Scots "B" Coy 235

Middlesex Regt "B" 297 v 2nd/14th Punjab Regt "D" 287

5th/7th Rajput Regt "D" 304 v Royal Scots "C" Coy "A" 339

Middlesex Regt "C" 296 v 5th/7th Rajput Regt "E" 313

Royal Scots "D" Coy "A" 312 v Middlesex Regt "D" 291

2nd/14th Punjab Regt. "E" 321 v H K Police "A" (20 yards) 347

R A F "A" 336 v 2nd/14th Punjab Regt. "A" 302

H K V.D.C "A" 296 v H.K Police Reserve (20 yards) 342

2nd/14th Punjab Regt. "B" 305 v 22nd (F) Coy R E. 297.

5th/7th Rajput Regt "A" 319 v 2nd/14th Punjab Regt. "C" 326

Royal Scots H.Q. Coy. "A" 314 v 5th/7th Rajput Regt. "B" 321.

Middlesex Regt "A" 294 v Royal Scots "A" Coy 306.

H K R N V R "A" 310 v 5th/7th Rajput Regt "C" 320

•40th (F) Coy R E v Middlesex Regt "B" 295

40th (F) Coy R E 321 v Royal Scots "C" Coy. "A" 332

Middlesex Regt "E" 326 v 5th/7th Rajput Regt "D" 331

Middlesex Regt "E" 342 v Royal Scots "C" Coy "A" 341

Dockyard Rifle Club 315 v Royal Scots "B" Coy 280

Dockyard Rifle Club 317 v 5th/7th Rajput Regt "E" 330

Collinson R C "A" 267 v 2nd/14th Punjab Regt "D" 245

Collinson R C "A" 270 v Middlesex Regt "D" 277.

• Cards not returned.

SECOND DIVISION FIXTURES

H.K Police "B" (20 yards) 345 v R A F "B" 327

H K V D C "B" 213 v H K.R N V.R "B" 308

Royal Scots H Q Coy "B" 265 v Royal Scots "C" Coy "B" 326

Royal Scots "D" Coy. "B" 236 v Middlesex Regt "F" 259.

Middlesex Regt "G" 272 v Middlesex Regt "H" 264

R E Shamshuipo 321 v R.E. Stanley 285

R E Stonecutters 314 v R.E Collinson 199

H K Police "A" (20 yards) 376 v R A F 386

H K Police "B" (20 yards) 380 v Royal Scots "C" Coy 367

H K Police Reserve "A" (20 yards) 381 v H K Police Reserve "B" (20 yards) 360.

Entries for the hockey (on roller skates) competition, sponsored by "Chi Yin Yat Po", closes to-day

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The totalisator turnover for 16 States in America exceeded G $408,000,000 last year. In addition to the tote—the only legalised form of course betting—there is a tremendous volume of "off-the-course" business.

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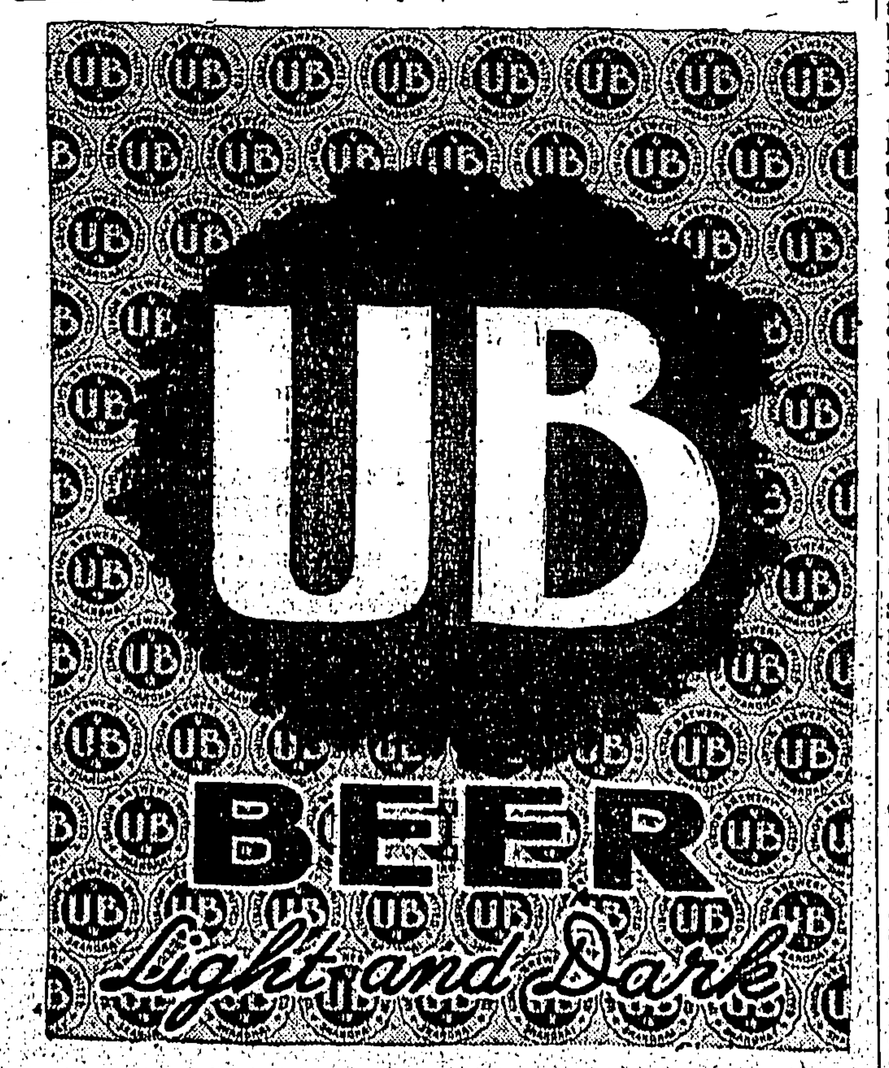
Every year a vote is taken in America as to racing writers' opinions concerning the best horses. A total of 172 registered votes as to those standing out in 1940, and among the two-year-olds Whirlaway (by Blenheim II) was placed first of the colts, and Level Best (by Equipoise) the best filly. Bimelech, despite his Kentucky Derby failure, was voted the best three-year-old, and Challedon the best horse of the year, having 84 supporters to the 34 of Seabiscuit, who was placed second.



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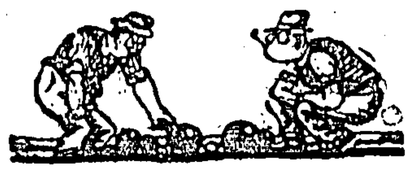
WATER-POLO AT STANDSTILL

Owing to Blackout and Military exercises no games in the Y.M.C.A. Invitation Water-Polo Tournament have been arranged till Thursday.



TO-DAY'S PAIRS GAMES

Following is to-day's programme of matches in the Third Round of the Colony Lawn Bowls Pairs Championship:

At K.B.G.C.

N. J. Bebbington and J. F. McGowan v J. J. Basto and C. H. Basto.

B. D. Evans and C. Fuller v J. S. Howell and W. Gill.

A. L. Eastman and W. C. Simpson v W. J. McCarrach and T. Pile.

At K.F.C.

F. Goodwin and E. W. C. Simmonds v C. M. Silva and F. X. Soares.

J. M. Purvis and A. Bailey v W. L. Walker and R. Duncan.

At K.C.C.

H. R. Pinna and B. Basto v J. Hurst and C. E. Turpin.

C. W. Lam and N. P. Karanjia v L. J. Silva and J. F. V. Ribeiro.

At Club de Recreio

W. J. Burling and M. N. Rakusen v A. A. Dand and W. V. Field.

B. A. Mansell and P. Morgan v W. McMaster and M. Ferguson (First Round).

At P.R.C.

L. Gaddi and C. S. Rosselet v S. R. Solina and K. M. Omar.

D. A. Rosario and J. S. Landolt v J. H. Gelling and H. G. Wallington.

At C.S.C.C.

J. M. Jack and A. E. Perry v K. M. and S. M. Rumjahn.

At C.C.C.

A. Morton and W. Nash v S. Ecclesshall and J. Shepherd.

E. L. Strange and H. E. Strange v C. E. Marques and J. E. Noronha.

McCULLOUGH BACK AGAIN IN THE NEWS

Clyde McCullough, though considered Chicago Cub's first string catcher, has had to take a back seat in his team's publicity campaign, due to the fact that other things happened to keep him out of the news.

The antics of Lou Novikoff, to date the Big Flop of 1941, was the first, and this was followed by the trading of veteran Billy Herman to make room for young Lou Stringer at second base.

All this over and done with, the boys at the Bruins' camp have just waken up to the fact that in McCullough they might easily have a second edition of Leo Hartnett, for this 185-pound hind-snatching youngster (he is only 24 years of age), gives every indication of taking his place in the great line of Cub catchers—Johnny Kling, Jimmy Archer, Bob O'Farrell and Gabby Hartnett.

Adjudged the finest catcher in the minors in 1940, McCullough batted 324 to be runner-up in the International. He manufactured 27 home runs, 5 triples and 21 doubles.

He is an alert base-runner, of good speed for a big backstop.

On the recommendation of Scout Clarence Rowland, the Cubs paid the Yankee organisation $40,000 for McCullough late in 1939, while he was helping Kansas City to a pennant.

A. Morton, Kowloon Bowling Green Club lawn bowler, is leaving shortly on transfer.

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Edwin S. Hill, West Indies all-round cricketer, will play professionally for Spen Victoria. He is 13th Test player engaged in Bradford League.

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The oldest known thoroughbred in America is Merrick, who was 30 this year. He was raced until he was 11 years old, starting in 205 races, of which he won 61. He is nearly blind, deaf and toothless, but his owner reports him as "getting along fine."

OMAR BROTHERS SCORE 42 AT 16 ENDS FOR LAWN BOWLS PAIRS WIN

A BLOCK OF SECOND ROUND MATCHES IN THE COLONY LAWN BOWLS PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIPS WERE PLAYED OFF LAST EVENING WHEN, FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE THE INTRODUCTION OF DAYLIGHT SAVING IN HONG KONG, BOWLERS WERE IN A HURRY TO FINISH OFF THEIR GAMES — IN ORDER TO GET HOME BEFORE THE "BLACK-OUT" EXERCISES BEGAN.

A number of games were postponed, and the biggest total of the day was chalked up by A. M. and U. M. Omar who scored 42 against 10 by V. Ebbage and J. Gellatly. Included in the Omars' score were three 5's and two 4's.

Consistency Rewarded

At Kowloon Cricket Club P. A. Peckham and W. McNeill beat J. S. Riddell and J. C. Aitken 22-16.

McNeill opened with a 4 and though scores were evelled at the 3rd a run of 1 4 1 3 saw McNeill well ahead again at the 7th. There was little in this game that was outstanding but the winning pair were the more consistent and this proved the deciding factor. McNeill scored at 12 ends.

Scores were:—

J.C.A.: 0 3 1 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 3 1 2 0 4 2 0 0 0 0 2

M.McN.: 4 0 0 1 4 1 3 0 1 1 9 0 0 3 0 0 1 1 1 1 0

An Impossible Task

At Kowloon Bowling Green Club C. F. Vas and J. C. Remedios beat E. Curtis and A. W. Smith 29-22.

It was a game where fortune fluctuated considerably, for while the K.C.C. pair had all the joss that was going up till the 15th, at which stage they were leading 20-16, the Recreio players came into their own after that, thanks chiefly to a 4 at the 16th. Once they regained the lead (they were 10-8 up at the 8th) there was no holding them and 3 4 1 1 in a row found the K.C.C. pair in the hopeless situation of having to score a 10 with their 8 woods at the 21st end to tie! Remedios scored at 12 ends.

Scores were:—

J.C.R.: 0 0 0 1 4 1 4 0 1 0 0 0 4 1 0 4 3 4 1 1 0

A.W.S.: 1 1 4 0 0 0 0 2 0 3 1 3 0 0 4 0 0 0 0 3

Win For Police Pair

G. Willerton and G. Davies of Police Recreation Club had an easy win over H. McKay and M. Purvis and won by 23 shots to 13 at Craigengower Cricket Club.

Willerton scored at the first 7 heads without reply and led Purvis by 12 clear shots. At the 15th Willerton was leading by 17-7. Willerton scored on alternate heads and won by 10 shots, after scoring at 13 heads.

Scores were:—

G.W.: 2 2 2 1 3 1 1 0 0 1 0 0 3 1 0 1 0 2 0 3 0

M.P.: 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 3 1 0 1 1 0 0 1 0 3 0 1 0 2

An Even Game

The game between T. Coleman and P. Younghusband and W. Melrose and J. C. Chalmers was evenly contested till the 14th head, but a strong finish enabled Coleman and Younghusband to win by 16-11.

At the 5th Coleman and Younghusband were leading 5-2 but at the 13th the score was 9-all. Melrose and Chalmers then scored a single but Coleman and Younghusband finished with 1 2 1 0 1 1 1 to win by 5 shots. The winners scored at 13 ends.

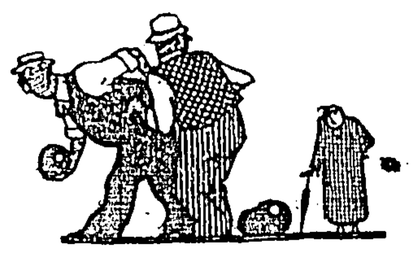
Scores were:—

J.C.C.: 1 0 0 1 0 1 2 0 0 2 0 2 0 2 0 1 0 0 0 1 0 0 0

P.Y.: 0 2 2 0 1 0 0 1 1 0 1 0 1 0 1 2 1 0 1 1 1

Omars Win Easily

Scoring at 16 ends, A. M. and U. M. Omar beat V. S. Ebbage and J. Gellatly by 42-10 at Police Recreation Club.



Omars opened with a single but Ebbage and Gellatly then scored a four. Omars then scored 18 shots at the next six ends, before the Civil Service pair replied with a two and a single to be led 19-7.

At the 15th end, the score was 22-10 in Omar's favour. Omars then scored 20 shots at the last six ends which included two fives, a four and a three.

Scores were:—

U.M.O.: 1 0 2 4 5 2 2 3 0 0 1 1 0 1 0 5 2 5 4 1 3

J.Q.: 0 4 0 0 0 0 0 0 2 1 0 0 1 1 1 0 0 0 0 0 0

F. X. Silva Wins

The match at Kowloon Dock between C. Dowman and F. Channings against C. C. Pereira and F. X. M. Silva resulted in a win for the latter by 18—13

Guterres's Rink Win At K.D.R.C.

In the Second Round of the Colony Lawn Bowls Rinks Championship A. P. Guterres's rink (H. R. Pinna, A. M. Xavier and B. Basto) beat N. J. Bebbington's four (N. D. Lloyd, H. H. Rose and T. W. Carr) by 22 shots to 17 at Kowloon Dock on Sunday.

LATEST CLUB RESULTS

Following are the latest results in intra-club lawn bowls competitions:—

H.K.F.C.

PAIRS COMPETITION

First Round:—S. Hircock and A. Brooksbank beat A. G. Gratton and H. Gelling, 22-20; E. L. Strange and W. Gill beat C. B. Robertson and J. Ralston.

CLUB SINGLES

First Round:—C. F. Needham beat A. G. Gratton, 21-16; K. S. Robertson beat H. Gelling; K. Forrow beat R. P. Shaw, 22-16; H. G. Wallington beat J. M. Thomson.

Second Round:—K. Forrow beat C. J. Lodge, 21-10.

C.C.C.

SENIOR SINGLES

First Round:—A. J. Coelho beat S. R. Solina, 21-17.

JUNIOR SINGLES

First Round:—J. H. Xavier beat S. R. Solina; A. J. Coelho beat E. S. Franks, 21-20; M. J. Medina beat R. K. Pavri; S. Leonard beat W. J. Curd; G. S. Ladd beat E. Zimmern.

Second Round:—W. Ward beat D. A. Rozario.

FIREWORKS RACED TWICE IN AN AFTERNOON ON 3 OCCASIONS

Nowadays few owners or trainers would countenance running a high-class three-year-old twice in the same afternoon, but John Tait did that with Fireworks on three different occasions in the 1867-68 season. At Flemington on Nov. 27, 1867, he ran Fireworks in the Duke of Edinburgh Stakes, a handicap, 1½ mile and a distance. The colt finished third, and, with one race intervening, won the Galatea Stakes, a two-mile race for three-year-olds. On the following New Year's Day Fireworks won the Derby, 1½ mile, at Flemington, and was then saddled up for the next race, the Midsummer Handicap, 1¾ mile, in which he carried top weight, 9.0 (minimum 6st.), and won easily from the aged gelding Tomboy in 3.0.

Fireworks was then taken to Tasmania, and at Launceston on Feb. 20 won the St. Leger. His next run was in the St. Leger at Flemington on March 21, and that proved soft for him. Then he was brought back to Sydney, and, though beaten by his stable-companion Glencoe in the St. Leger at Randwick on April 25, won the All-Aged Stakes, 1 mile, and the Autumn Brute Stakes, 1¼ mile, on May 1. He finished by winning the Randwick Handicap, 1¾ mile, with 9.4 (minimum 6st.), on May 2. At the commencement of that season he was unplaced in the Melbourne Cup, then run on the first day of the meeting, Thursday, Oct. 31; won the Derby on the second day—there were two Derbies at Flemington that season—and ran second in the All-Aged Stakes, 1 mile, on the third day. John Tait believed in getting all that was possible out of his horses. As a four-year-old Fireworks was weighted at 9.6 (minimum 9.7) for the Melbourne Cup, those above him being Sydney Tim Whiffler and The Barb, 10.4 each.

Mohawks Play Heads-Up Baseball To Beat Up Mindanaoans

South China Strike Form To Down Sappers

REDDINGTON BEATS ROBINSON ON POINTS

Conceding Alf. Robinson, Leeds, 4lb., Tom Reddington, Salford heavy-weight, defeated him on points at Belle Vue, Manchester, staging the best fight of his career in the process writes Norman Hurst.

He boxed cooly and cleverly, paving the way to victory with a stiff left to the face in the early stages.

"The contest was open, and a hardfought one from bell to bell.

Robinson found too late that his best punch would have been a right to the body instead of trying this blow on the bobbing head of his opponent.

I have watched Reddington in many matches, and viewing the constant danger of the hard-punching Yorkshireman's deliveries, I rule last night's victory as the best on Reddington's record.

The crowd is now asking for Reddington and Martin.

Fusilier Pierce Ellis, Manchester, met Len Massey, Salford, who substituted for Kid Tanner, the referee stopping the fight in the third round after Massey had been down for a count of nine.

Gill (Nottingham) beat Jones (Coalville) on points; Wilson (Salford) defeated Britner (Manchester), fight being stopped in third round.

MCAVOY'S CHALLENGE

Jock McAvoy, middle-weight champion has challenged Tom Reddington, Manchester, to a bout at 13st.

But Reddington's manager, Mr. Walter Metcalfe, points out that he is now a heavy-weight and could not entertain the idea of a contest at the weight stipulated.

He offers to meet McAvoy at catch-weights.

BOON'S £1,000 CHALLENGE

Eric Boon's reply to Harry Lazar's £500 challenge to fight at the light-weight limit, in Norman Hurst's opinion, merely dodges the issue.

Boon says he will back himself for £1,000 at 10st.

So far as boxing interest is concerned, Boon had better far have said nothing. In plain language, either he is prepared to defend his light-weight title against Harry Lazar and cover Lazar's sidestake or he does not want the match.

SIR BLENHEIM ONLY SANE ONE OF FIRST CROP

George W. Stratton has a Blenheim II-sired colt at Hollywood Park that is almost a dead ringer for Whirlaway. Same dark chestnut colour, blazed face and markings and long tail.

The Circle S candidate's name is Sir Blenheim and he has twice visited the winner's circle. He prevailed at the third asking last Summer at Hollywood Park, rambling five furlongs in 1:00 1/5 and captured a six-furlong event last Fall in 1:12 1/5. Last Summer as a juvenile he worked five-eighths in 59 flat. He's been away from the races since last Autumn and was spared from racing as an early 3-year-old in order to allow him to gain maturity.

GUNBOAT-HURLER PAWLOSKI YANKED IN FIFTH: ARM INJURY PREVENTS MOUND WIZARD FROM PITCHING AT HIS BEST

By "Grandstand"

PLAYING HEADS-UP BALL ALL THE WAY LAST SUNDAY, CHUCK WAGGONER'S MARAUDING MOHAWKS DISPLAYED EXCELLENT FORM BY TOPPLING THE LEAGUE-LEADING MINDANAO MACE-MAULERS 7 TO 4, FOR THE SEASON'S BIGGEST UPSET, WHILST SOUTH CHINA CHALKED UP THEIR FIRST VICTORY OF THE SEASON BY SHADING ROYAL ENGINEERS 8 TO 7 ON SATURDAY.

The Mohawk upset just about ends all hope of Mindanao rejecting the points forfeited by Hong Kong Brewers, and the affair might as well as be filed away as finished business.

Although Mohawk mound victor Larry Lawrence, the Lone Star Ranger, in a return to the hillock, was nicked for nine safeties, six Mindanao-men went down swinging at his teasing side-arm slants. He only passed four to first.

Losing pitcher Pawloski was chased off the hill in the fifth after conceding four blows, fanning three and walking two — he was, however, nursing a strained arm. Henry "Crooner" Ruel finished the game, but the damage had already been done.

Minnies Score First

Nip Lum, Chuck Waggoner and Den Crary went out in order in the initial frame for no count, whilst the Minnies dented the pay-off station twice on three solid blows in their half of the frame. In the next canto Pet Elder slashed out a two-bagger, but was left stranded as Waller grounded out, whilst the Pawloskimen added another tally on a single and a fumble.

In the third game Mohawks broke the ice with a cluster of four tallies on two hits, assisted by a couple of bobbles, to take the lead, but Bob Strahl evened the count 4-4 on two successive singles and a fumble.

Coming into the fifth Lum singled, whilst Waggoner worked relief hurler Ruel for a pass. With ducks in the pond, Den Crary hoisted a fly to right which gardener Kennard muffed for Lum to cross the plate in a cloud of dust.

Waggoner Scores

Lawrence flied out to right again, but Waggoner scored, whilst Pinky Higgins tapped out a roller for Crary to ride home with another marker. In the Mindanao half, Bowersox stood still on a groover, whilst Kennard and Strahl flied out for no gain. In the sixth Wong, Oliver and Lum were erased in order for a Mohawk no-run, no-hit chapter.

A wild heave, followed by a perfect dump, put angels on the lily paths for the Minnies. Tony Mascavage, cloud-bumping hind-snatcher, strolled up to the platter with his pet mace, but to his disgust and the Mohawk rooters' delight, he was given an intentional pass on four pitches, to load the sacks. With the tieing run on base, keystoner Ray Wilson took three healthy cuts at the ozone for the rally to die out.

Coming into the seventh, still three runs behind, Bowersox poled out a ripping two-bagger, but the Waggonermen dished out some smart fielding to smother the last-minute effort.

Newcomers Shine

Henry "Crooner" Ruel and Tony Mascavage both clouted for a two-in-three figure, whilst Bowersox banged out a double and a single in his four trips to the platter.

Nip Lum and Johnnie Wong, latest additions to the Tribe, worked in complete harmony around the key-stone and completed the only twin-killing of the tussle, when Nip Lum froze on to Bowersox's stinging liner, and relayed the pill to Wong to double Tony Mascavage, who left second with the crack of the bat. Five Waggonermen died on the sacks, whilst eleven potential Mindanao runs were left stranded.

South China Improve

South China showed a marked improvement by nosing out the Sappers 8 to 7 to avenge their former defeat.

Sapper moundsman Mickey Sarsfield was blasted out of the box in the second frame, after walking one and conceding four hits. First-sacker Mack Shaw, called in to finish the game, doled out three safeties, whiffed three, and handed out free transportations to first to five Canners. Nam Hwa hurler Paul Lau sustained a cramp in the sixth and was derricked in favour of "Shorty" Pau.

Sappers' Bases Loaded

The Caroliners counted once, when they managed to piece together a walk, a steal, a sacrifice and a single in the first canto, but really started going to town in the second semester as Ernie Moy, Paul Lau and Cecil Winglee spiked the rubber on a trio of safeties. In the Sappers' half they produced a real threat, as Jimmy Welford drew a pass on the gravy train, a single by Mike Sarsfield and another walk, saturated the sacks with Sappers and only one out.

The uprising was quelled as Gray fanned the breeze for the second erasure, whilst centre-gardener Cecil Winglee ran back a couple of city blocks to pull down Cork's long hoist, which was labelled, with a single-handed stab that had the stands on their feet.

The Caroliners tallied twice more in the third and fifth frames to chalk up a total of eight markers, whilst Sappers could only manufacture one in each of the third and fifth, and that was the way they went into the last session.

Nightmarish Inning

The Nam Hwamen were blanked in their half, whilst pilot Hal Winglee went grabbing for the smelling salts as the Sappers counted five times—one short of knotting the count—on five costly errors. Jones was pegged off second to end the night-marish inning.

South China right gardener Willie Kwan slashed out two singles in his two batting attempts for a perfect 1.000 figure.

Sapper Bob Foley, whose main stock-in-trade consists of banging out sharp singles through the infield, connected for a handsome three-in-four figure, and incidentally is the first one to park a ball out of the park at Railway Corner. Your scribe got despatches all crossed up last Saturday, and gave the credit to Flash Ratcliffe.

BASEBALL LEAGUE TABLE TO DATE

	W.	L.	Pctg.
U.S.S. Mindanao	5	1	.833
H.K. Brewers	4	1	.800
Chung Hwa	3	2	.600
U.S.S. Asheville	1	1	.500
H.K. Basebailers	3	4	.429
Royal Engineers	2	4	.333
South China	1	4	.200

DID YOU KNOW?

Elmer Flick, Cleveland, won the American League batting championship in 1905 with a slim .306 average. Larry Doyle of the Giants was the National League title-ho'der in 1915 with a .320 figure.

CORRESPONDENCE

BASEBALL LEAGUE DECISION

Sir,—"Sportsman," in his letter yesterday, summed up the whole "baseball dispute" in a nutshell. I agree with him that an example should be taken from Club de Recreio's very sporting gesture.

Incidentally, I see that Mindanao have, since the controversy started, dropped a game. Under the circumstances it can be hardly expected that the baseball public will stomach any suggestion of a withdrawal of the H.B. resignation from the League now, so the obvious thing would be for that team to apply for permission to meet Mindanao in a charity game in aid of the Bomber Fund. After all the publicity they have had over this unpleasant incident, they should prove a wonderful drawing card.—Yours etc.,

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JAPAN AND INDO-CHINA

Reticence About Sumita's Flying Visit To Tokyo

JAPANESE LEAVING SOUTH AFRICA

According to the Japanese Legation in Pretoria about 30 Japanese business-men, accompanied by their wives and families, are sailing for Japan aboard the s.s. Manila Maru about July 26.—Reuter.

NEW SHIPPING COURSE

A NEW SHIPPING COURSE BETWEEN THE KURILE ISLANDS AND NEMURO, IN HOKKAIDO ISLAND, HAS BEEN DISCOVERED BY THE JAPANESE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS.

The new course is described as "highly significant" by informed commentators, as the Kurile Islands have become an important part of the Japanese national defence system with the advent of international tension following Germany's attack on Russia.

It is understood that the new course, the discovery of which was announced yesterday in Tokyo, will henceforth be followed by all ships to or from Kurile Islands.—Reuter.

General Calls On Decoux

MEMBERS OF THE Japanese Economic Mission to Tongking were evasively reticent regarding the importance of General Sumita's recent flying visit to Tokyo.

It is "not known" whether General Sumita brought back any demands regarding the utilisation by the Japanese of naval and air bases in southern Indo-China, it was stated in Hanoi yesterday.

Colonel Saito, representative of the Mission in Saigon, is flying back to Hanoi to-day after a three-day visit for conferences with General Sumita.

The arrival of the Governor-General, brought no new developments yesterday but it is expected that His Excellency will see General Sumita as soon as possible.

The general comment in Hanoi notes the meeting of Admiral Darlan and the Japanese Ambassador in Vichy and expresses the opinion that the French capital is likely to be the centre of immediate developments.—Reuter.

Sumita Calls

MAJOR-GENERAL RAISHIRO SUMITA, HEAD OF THE JAPANESE MILITARY MISSION IN FRENCH INDO-CHINA, CALLED ON THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL, ADMIRAL DECOUX, YESTERDAY AFTERNOON, STATED A HANOI DESPATCH TO TOKYO LAST NIGHT.

The Japanese Domei News Agency stated that it is understood General Sumita "thanked Admiral Decoux for his recent action in conferring Annamite decorations on members of the Mission."—Reuter.

COLOGNE RAID BLAZE

A brilliant fire, at least a mile long, among the factories on the outskirts of Cologne, was one result of the R.A.F.'s attack on the Rhineland on Sunday night.

The Air Ministry, giving details of the raid, adds that elsewhere ten other fires were burning simultaneously.

The pilots saw high explosive bombs bursting in the midst of large industrial buildings already burning fiercely.

At Rotterdam, there was a formidable fire among the docks.

Its glow was seen from 100 miles on the way back.

A pillar of smoke rose to 6,000 feet from a large part of the docks, while the flames lit up the warehouses which were in front of the smoke.

At Aachen, bombs were seen to burst among factory buildings.

After these successful attacks, the whole of the large bombing force came safely home, though the Germans put up a strong barrage and night fighters were about.—Reuter.

TURKISH REPLY TO RUMOURS

"THE STRAITS ARE TURKISH AND WILL REMAIN SO FOR EVER," SAID A SPEAKER ON ANKARA RADIO LAST NIGHT, QUOTING THE ANKARA "DAILY ULUL," SEMI-OFFICIAL PAPER, COMMENTING ON THE SPECIAL CELEBRATIONS YESTERDAY OF THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE RETURN TO TURKEY BY PEACEFUL NEGOTIATION OF SOVEREIGNTY OVER THE DARDANELLES.

The paper emphasised that at a time when rumours were being circulated in connection with the straits zone this aspect should be strongly borne in mind.—Reuter.

TWO TYPHOONS

Two typhoons are reported from Manila. One is east of the Bashi Channel moving North. The other is near or over the Bonins, moving NNE or NE.

STOP PRESS

Suggesting a German air raid on Moscow, at 1.15 a.m. to-day, Moscow Radio went off the air whilst broadcasting its English programme. Later, transmission from the station was very bad and was scarcely intelligible. The Moscow communique on yesterday's operations has not yet been received in London.—Reuter.

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Moscow Inflicts Heavy Losses

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

INDETERMINATE FIGHTING, OF EXTREME VIOLENCE, CONTINUES ON FOUR PRIMARY FRONTS IN RUSSIA, IN THE REGIONS OF PSKOV, SMOLENSK, BOBRUISK AND NOVOGRAD-VOLINSK, BUT ACCORDING TO MOSCOW REPORTS THE MOMENTUM OF THE GERMAN ONSLAUGHT IS SLACKENING AND TANK UNITS BEHIND THE RUSSIAN LINES ARE BEING DEALT WITH IN DETAIL.

In one sector alone, says the High Command, a big force of Nazi motorised troops was annihilated while Nazi heavy artillery sufficient to equip two full divisions was destroyed.

Russian guerilla units behind the German lines continued to inflict heavy losses.

In the battle zones covering the approaches to Leningrad, declares the High Command, a Red army infantry division trapped an enemy formation, capturing 189 lorries, five tanks, four armoured cars, two 'planes and six heavy guns.

At another point, our troops surrounded concentrations of enemy tanks and artillery and destroyed 300 enemy lorries and two divisions' heavy artillery.

Very heavy fighting continues at the key points along the battlefield. — International News Service.

"Last Reserves"

The extraordinary claim that the "Soviet Army have been compelled to throw in their last reserves," is made by the official German News Agency, presumably in line with its tradition of advancing far ahead of the High Command.

The message also claims that the Germans are now 375 miles from the former Russo-German demarcation line and "once more the vast battle of annihilation is in progress," this time east of the Stalin Line.

This time, says DNB we shall not allow the enemy the breathing space they so much desire."

Smolensk

Military commentators in London point out that the penetration of 375 miles most generously measured would not put the German advance beyond Smolensk, at which town fighting has long been admitted, and that the "throwing in of the last reserves of the Russians" would be a much more convincing claim if Berlin had not thrown in the Soviet's "last reserves" several times already.

It may also be pointed out that while DNB continues on the grandiose model, a radio commentator speaking from Berlin yesterday said: "Conditions on the Soviet front are much more difficult than in France so that the required time will necessarily be longer."—Reuter.

JAPANESE MOVE EXPECTED

(By Reuter's Chief Correspondent In The Far East)

Although there has been a temporary lull in the excitement concerning Japan's actions, well-informed observers in Singapore expect something to materialise in Indo-China shortly.

It is now felt that the departure of Admiral Decoux, Indo-China's Governor-General, to Hanoi, seat of the Japanese Military Mission yesterday is the forerunner of some new development in Indo-China.

This belief seems to be borne out by the fact the Japanese Boundary Mission in Thailand think his visit is connected with the work of the Mission.

"The Indo-China bag will soon be opened and the cat—if there is a cat inside—will soon be out," one highly-placed observer commented cryptically to me yesterday. Developments are being watched keenly but calmly by the whole of the democratic front in the Far East.—Reuter.

SPITFIRE TAKES ON FIVE

Daylight attacks on a factory at Lille in Northern France by the Royal Air Force were reported in the following British Air Ministry communique which stated:—

"R.A.F. bombers escorted by a strong force of fighters to-day (Monday) carried out attacks on a factory at Lille and on enemy shipping off the French coast. A number of enemy fighters were encountered and seven of them were destroyed. Our losses were three fighters missing."

Two Downed

A later Air Ministry announcement raised the total of German fighters shot down to eight.

Describing the air battles over Northern France and the Channel, the Air Ministry News Service says that one British pilot attacked two German fighters which were immediately joined by three more.

He took on all five single-handed. When one Messerschmitt had blown up and another had burst into flames, the other three broke off the fight and fled and the British pilot rejoined his squadron.—Reuter.

PANAMA CANAL RESTRICTIONS

Mr. Sumner Welles, acting Secretary of State, was asked, at his press conference yesterday about reports that Japanese ships awaiting permission for transit through the Panama Canal, had been ordered to proceed to Japan immediately via Cape Horn.

Urgent repairs to the Panama Canal, he said, had necessitated the curtailment of merchant shipping through the Canal. He added that the canal authorities had issued orders restricting or prohibiting merchant shipping, but he did not know the full details.—Reuter.

DECLARE WAR DEMAND

The view that the United States must at once declare war, was expressed by Mr. Samuel Grafton, in a forceful article in the "New York Post" yesterday.

"England can choose anything, while Hitler is a prisoner of his blitzkrieg and may prove its final victim," Mr. Grafton wrote.

"He must act hurriedly; we have lots of time. He has even taught us not to trust him, so that when peace is offered again, it will be turned down.

"The United States must declare war instantly."—Reuter.

JAPANESE COMMANDEER TRAINS

A second train was taken off the Peiping-Fusan (Korea) run yesterday afternoon.

This followed the withdrawal of the crack Peiping express last week when it was stated that Japanese military movements were the reason.

According to railway sources in Peiping, five further trains are likely to be withdrawn shortly.

Sleepers may be abolished on the remaining night trains to double their capacity. While no official reason is given, the conclusion to be drawn is obvious.—Reuter.

Bangkok Hesitant

Experienced observers in Bangkok hestitate to venture an opinion on developments in Tokyo.

Gloomy forebodings have come from various sources bracketing Thailand and Indo-China.

Observers hold that if Indo-China is about to become a Syria of the Far East, then Thailand's position is not dissimilar from Turkey's as both are determined to safeguard their independence and to maintain their neutrality.—Reuter.

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ROOSEVELT GIVES WARNING

Tells Congress That Army Must Be Kept Intact

National Danger Greater Than A Year Ago

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT YESTERDAY ASKED CONGRESS TO AUTHORISE THE EXTENSION OF THE ONE-YEAR PERIOD OF ACTIVE SERVICE IN THE ARMY FOR SELECTEE NATIONAL GUARDSMEN AND RESERVISTS, DECLARING THAT AMERICA WAS IN "INFINITELY GREATER" DANGER THAN A YEAR AGO.

Unless this extension was granted, the nation would be taking a grave national risk, said President Roosevelt, and disintegration of the army would be under way within two months. The responsibility for maintaining the efficiency of the army rests solely with the legislators.

President Roosevelt dramatised his request by trying an innovation —— he transcribed his message on records so that his words might be broadcast.

The President emphasised that conditions had changed since the 12-month limitation was placed a year ago on the service of selectee guardsmen and reservists, and declared that "to-day it is imperative that I officially report to Congress what Congress undoubtedly knows: that the international situation is not less grave but far more grave than it was a year ago.

It is so grave, in my opinion, and in the opinion of all who are conversant with the facts, that the army should be maintained at effective strength and without diminution of its effective numbers in a complete state of readiness.

"Small as it is by comparison with other armies, it should not suffer any form of disorganisation or disintegration."

Grave Risk

President Roosevelt said, therefore, it would be taking a grave national risk unless Congress were to make possible the maintenance of the present full effective strength of the army during the coming year, and give training to as many additional Americans as possible.

It would be a "tragic error" to eliminate two-thirds of the trained soldiers and three-quarters of the officers and personnel.

The President said he was not asking Congress for specific language in a specific Bill, and said he hoped the legislators "will acknowledge this is a national emergency either for a specific period or until revocation by Congress or by the President."

Time Of Emergency

President Roosevelt said that the objective was an all-important issue. He was confident the men in the ranks realised better than the public the "disastrous effect" which would result from permitting the present Army to melt away and set back training and the expansion programme at least six months.

"I do not believe the danger to American safety is less than it was a year ago, when so far as the army was concerned the United States was in a woefully weak position. I do not believe the danger to our national safety is only about the same as it was a year ago. I do believe—I know—the danger to-day is infinitely greater. I do believe—I know—that in all truth we are in the midst of a national emergency."

Tragic Error

President Roosevelt pointed out that unless the service period was extended at the "beginning of this autumn about two-thirds of the United States army will begin demobilising."

Referring to national security, the President said that two steps were taken last year. Firstly, "the selective service act initiated annual military training as the prime duty of citizenship. Secondly, the organisation and training of field companies was begun. The objective was to have ready, at short notice, an organised and integrated personnel of over a million men."

After reference to the "tragic error" of eliminating two-thirds of trained soldiers and three-quarters of the officers and personnel, the President said "occasional individuals may with honest intent assert that the United States need fear no attack on its own territory or on other nations in this hemisphere by aggressors from without. Nevertheless, it is the well-known unanimous opinion of those who are daily cognisant, as military and naval officers, and government servants in the field of international relations, that the schemes and plans of the aggressor nations against American security are so evident that the United States and the rest of the Americas are definitely imperilled in their national interests.

A Time Schedule

"That is why, and only after careful weighing of all facts and all events, I recently proclaimed that an unlimited national emergency exists. It is not surprising that millions of patriotic Americans find it difficult in the pursuit of their daily occupations, and in the normal lives of their families, to give constant thought to the implications of the happenings many thousands of miles away.

That is why I must refer again to the sequence of conquests or attacks—all the way from the coup against Austria to the present campaign against Russia.

Every move up and down and across Europe and into Asia and Africa have been conducted according to a time schedule, utilising in every case an overwhelming superiority, not only in material but also in trained men.

Gaining Time

Each campaign has been based on the preliminary assurance of safety and non-aggression to the intended victim.

Each campaign has been based on disarming fear and gaining time until the German Government was fully ready to throw treaties and pacts to the winds, and simultaneously launch attack in overwhelming force.

Each elimination of a victim brought the issue of Nazi domination closer to this hemisphere, while month by month their intrigues of propaganda and conspiracy sought to weaken every link in the community of interests that should bind the Americas into a great western family.

Cannot Speculate

"I do not think any branch of the United States Government would be willing to let America share the fate which destroyed the independence of other nations.

"We Americans cannot afford to speculate with the security of America. Furthermore, we have a definite responsibility to every country in the western hemisphere — to aid each and every one thereof against attack from without.

"I do not believe that any branch of government would desire to abrogate our Pan-American Pacts or discard the policy which we have maintained for nearly a century and a quarter. If we do not reverse this historic policy then it is our duty to maintain it.

Bad Faith

"To weaken our army at this particular time would in my judgment be an act of bad faith towards our neighbours."

President Roosevelt concluded as follows: "Time counts. Within two months, the disintegration, which would follow failure to take Congressional action will commence in the armies of the United States.

"Time counts. Responsibility rests solely with Congress." — Reuter.

CONGRESS WARMING UP

Immediately after President Roosevelt's message to Congress, the chairman of the House Military Committee, Congressman May, introduced two resolutions, to retain the army in service and to remove the limit on the number of selectees, but making no declaration of a state of emergency on behalf of Congress itself.

Simultaneously, Senator Thomas (Utah) in the Senate, introduced legislation in the Senate providing for the proclamation by Congress of a state of national emergency, but restricting the President's authority thereunder to the retaining of selectees and national guards in service.

Senator Johnson (California) declared his disagreement with the entire Message.

Senator Smith (South Carolina) demanded details of "What's threatening us, if anything?"

Senator Barkley, the Democratic leader, commented: "President Roosevelt speaks with knowledge of the world situation which he alone possesses." He predicted that Congress would respond "in the manner required by the interests of our country."—Reuter.

When he recently paid a visit to an armament establishment Mr. Churchill tried his hand with an automatic gun. He fired a number of rounds at targets some distance away and fairly peppered them. The Secretary of State for War (Captain Margesson) was an interested spectator.

"LADY SOMERS" SUBMARINE DRAMA: SPANISH GALLANTRY

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent)

THE GALLANTRY OF THE CREW OF A SPANISH SHIP IN REMAINING FOR TWO HOURS IN A SUBMARINE DANGER AREA IN ORDER TO RESCUE THE CREW OF THE BRITISH AUXILIARY VESSEL, "LADY SOMERS," WAS REVEALED BY MEMBERS OF THE CREW WHEN THEY ARRIVED IN GIBRALTAR.

They state that the "Lady Somers" was attacked at 2 a.m. by two submarines which fired torpedoes almost simultaneously. One submarine hit her astern and then came to the surface, but crash-dived when the ship opened fire. Five minutes later the second submarine came to the surface, and the "Lady Somers" fired at this submarine which rose up and then disappeared vertically.

As their ship was settling down, the crew of the "Lady Somers" took to the boats, except the captain and the crew of one gun which continued firing at intervals to scare off the submarines.

"Five hours later, a second torpedo struck the 'Lady Somers,' causing a terrific explosion, but those on board were saved with the rest of the crew.

They were all picked up by the Spanish steamer, "Campeche," and a survivor declared "the Spaniards were not able to do enough for us. They gave up their cabins for the four days we were aboard and shared everything they had. It is impossible to speak too highly of them."

The "Lady Somers" was a 8,104-ton vessel. She was formerly a passenger liner, belonging to the Canadian National Steamships.—Reuter.

16-YEAR-OLD GIRL DROWNED

A 16-year-old girl was drowned in the "Little West Lake" above Kowloon Tong, yesterday. She was one of a party of 28 girl students who were picnicking in the neighbourhood.

NOTHING DOING

Once again, the official communique dealing with daylight air activity over Britain states: "There is nothing to report."—British Wireless.

Hitler Far Behind Schedule In The Invasion Of Russia

"VICTORIES" TO HIS OWN PERDITION

"THE GERMANS, despite their claims that the Red Army and air force have been annihilated, have already long passed their assigned dates for their entry into Kiev, Leningrad and Moscow," declared M. Lozovsky, Vice-Commissar for Foreign Affairs at a press conference last night.

The real explanation was provided by the Order of Major-General Nehring, commanding the 18th German Tank Division, said M. Lozovsky.

This Order was found inside a captured tank and it says: "It is obvious that our losses in equipment, arms and machines and despite a successful advance, have greatly exceeded captured trophies. Continuation of this situation is intolerable in the long run for we shall go on winning victories to our own perdition."

M. Lozovsky recalled that this morning (Tuesday) would complete the first calendar month of the German "blitzkrieg" against Russia.

"This war will go on for many months and we can discuss the results of the first month in one of our next press conferences."

M. Lozovsky dwelt on the differences between the Nazis and their so-called Allies, stressing the cross-currents of hatred and covetousness which existed between the German, Rumanian, Hungarian and Slovak camps.

All of them, he said, were full of internal squabbling, compared with the democratic nations, who were fighting unanimously without wanting to take anything from each other.

Air Raid Tactics

Asked whether Moscow would follow London's example of maintaining the city's normal traffic during air raids alerts, M. Lozovsky said that Moscow was likely to adhere to the present system of clearing the streets of people.

Among the purposes of the high discipline maintained in Moscow during the alerts was the desire to reduce casualties to a minimum.

Work in factories, however, continued until the imminent danger signal was given. A warning was sounded in Moscow, he said, as soon as it was observed at the front that a number of 'planes was flying in the direction of the capital. The nearest the German 'planes had got to Moscow was over 100 miles distant.

Some of the recent warnings, he disclosed, had merely been tests. M. Lozovsky doubted whether the Germans would attempt any raid on Moscow. — Reuter.

HONGKONG BOMBER SQUADRON

Telegrams have been received from the Secretary of State for the Colonies and from Lt.-Colonel Moore-Brabazon, the Minister for Aircraft Production, thanking Hong Kong for the generous flow of contributions to the "Morning Post" Bomber Fund. Lt.-Colonel Moore-Brabazon says:

"Acknowledge with grateful thanks further sum of £15,000. This magnificent gift is being added to the sums already received and being devoted to bomber squadron. I look forward with pride to the day when this squadron will go into service to bear witness to the generosity of the outpost of Empire whose name it will bear."

SORTIES FROM TOBRUK

Mechanised Indian cavalrymen who gallantly fought their way out from Mechili during the German advance are now "getting their own back" on the Axis forces watching Tobruk.

A number of these men were included in the patrols which on Saturday night carried out another series of successful lightning raids on enemy strong points this time eastward, along the coast between Bardia Road and the sea, and south-west of Palestrino to the west of the El Adim Road.

"The process of putting the wind up the Italians continues satisfactorily," was the only comment in military circles on the Tobruk garrison's fifth series of raids in nine days which resulted in the capture of a fair number of prisoners and much valuable information.

For the first time on Saturday the Italians attempted a counter-action, but the Indians dealt swiftly and successfully with superior enemy numbers who withdrew in disorder in the face of a bayonet attack.

Every British raid is estimated to have cost the enemy between 30 and 40 casualties. — Reuter.

WINNING THE PEACE

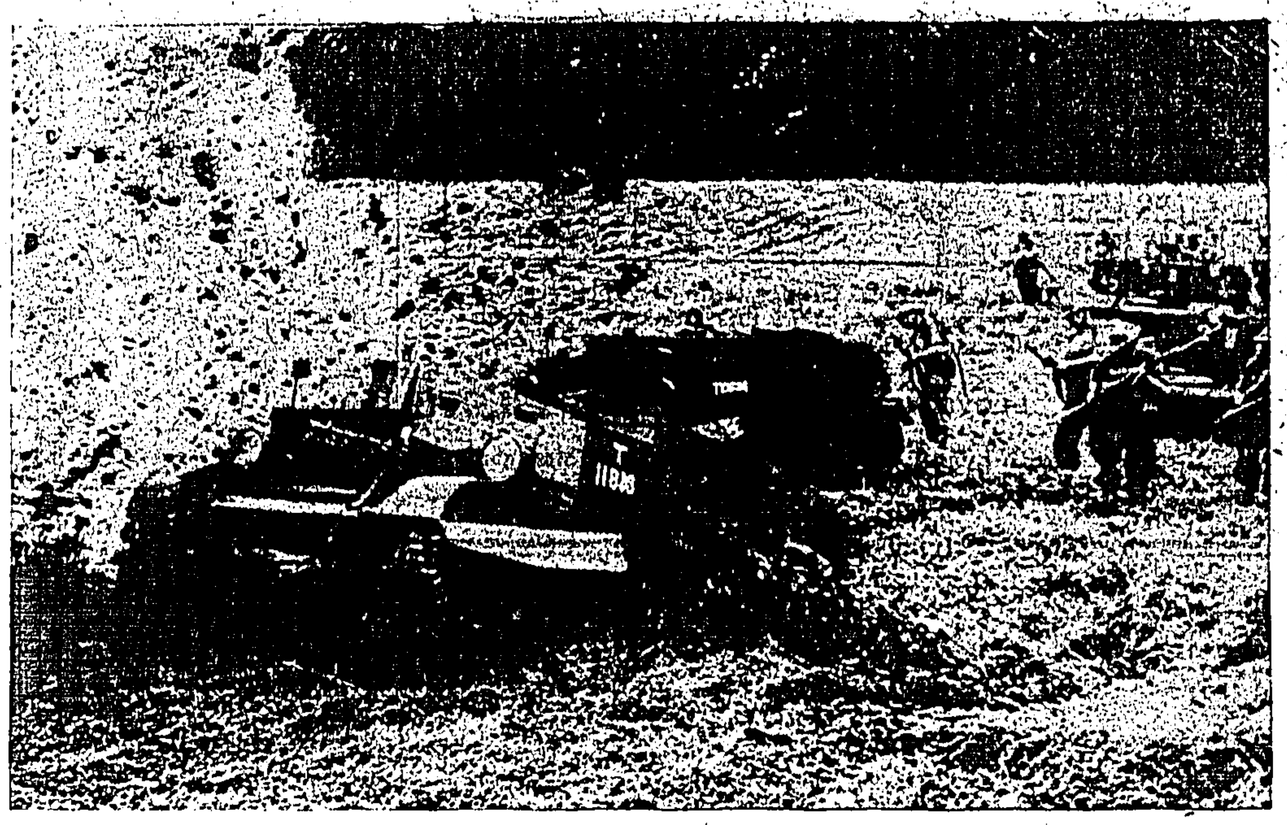
"Germany must not be in a position and flay and to torture Europe once every thirty years," declared Mr. Anthony Eden, the Foreign Minister, in a broadcast to the Belgian people on Belgium's National Day of Independence yesterday.

Mr. Eden declared: Twice within 30 years Belgium had had to endure the ordeal of invasion.

This time also, the final result would be the same.

"But this time," he went on, "we will not lose the peace. We will build a better."

Mr. Eden mentioned that the Belgian Army in Great Britain was rapidly gathering its strength and awaiting the day when it could assist the whole of the Allied armies in the war of liberation. — Reuter.



A general intensive training of units of the Army in Northern Ireland is being undertaken to fit them for offensive operations in the event of invasion. Special tanks have been devised and particular attention is being paid to toughening the fibre of the men. Photo shows a Battalion of the Royal Berks Regiment in strenuous training. Here are Bren Gun carriers crossing a minefield during an attack. (Copyright, Fox).

CLASH OF CHINESE ARMIES

The question of Communist troops clashing with Central Government forces is continuing to occupy the attention of Chinese circles in Chungking.

The Chinese Press unanimously stress the importance of national unity and the maintenance of military discipline.

A public appeal to the 18th Group Army (Chinese Communist Army) was made yesterday in the influential Chinese daily, the "Ta Kung Pao," which declared: "Although the Communist Party has an international character, it must be remembered in view of the latest international developments that national and international interests are practically identical.

Whether for support of Soviet Russia or for protection of the Fatherland, the Chinese Communists should cooperate with the Central Government."—Reuter.

M.B.E. FOR PRISONER OF WAR

Lt. J. M. Langley, Coldstream Guards, son of Mr. F. O. Langley, the Old Street police court magistrate, has been appointed a member of the Order of the British Empire in recognition of distinguished services in the field, it was announced in the London Gazette.

Lt. Langley, who is a prisoner of war and has had his left arm amputated at the shoulder, won the M.C. for gallantry and courage under fire in the final rearguard actions at Dunkirk. He was wounded by a shell and fell into German hands.

Capt. G. B. Hartford, R.N., has been awarded the bar to the D.S.O. for leadership, endurance and devotion to duty.

The Albert Medal has been awarded to Acting Second Hand J. H. Mitchell, R.N.R., who by gripping a rope with his teeth while supporting two drowning men saved his own life and the lives of the two men.

The George Medal has been awarded to Volunteer W. T. Whitlock, a Home Guard, who was severely injured when a building where he was on duty received two direct hits from high-explosive bombs. At great personal risk and in a state of almost complete collapse he rescued his section leader from beneath the debris.

GERMANY NOW PLANNING NEW AGGRESSIONS

GERMANY IS EVEN now planning new steps of aggression against the remaining independent states of Europe.

The United States has received information of this, stated the Under-Secretary of State, Mr. Sumner Welles, at a Press Conference in Washington yesterday, but he did not go into details.

Mr. Welles disclosed that the United States had promised full support to Bolivia in the event of an international incident arising from an alleged attempted Nazi coup in Bolivia and the expulsion order against the German Minister.

Mr. Welles said that in assuring Bolivia of support, he pointed out that under the existing inter-American agreements, the German Minister to Bolivia would be non personal grata with the United States.

Mr. Welles also referred to General Franco's sharp attack on the United States a week ago, when General Franco said that American offers of economic help to Spain always involved attempts to force Spain to obey the will of other nations.

Mr. Welles said that this was entirely untrue and that the supplies of food and medicine that had been sent to Spain were not contingent upon any policy of the Spanish Government other than that the Spanish people should remain at peace.

Also answering General Franco's reference to the consequences of a Nazi victory upon other American republics, Mr. Sumner Welles said that the whole prosperity of the American nations had been founded upon the control of the Atlantic and other seas by friendly powers and that if that control passed to unfriendly Powers, their independence would be gravely endangered.—Reuter.

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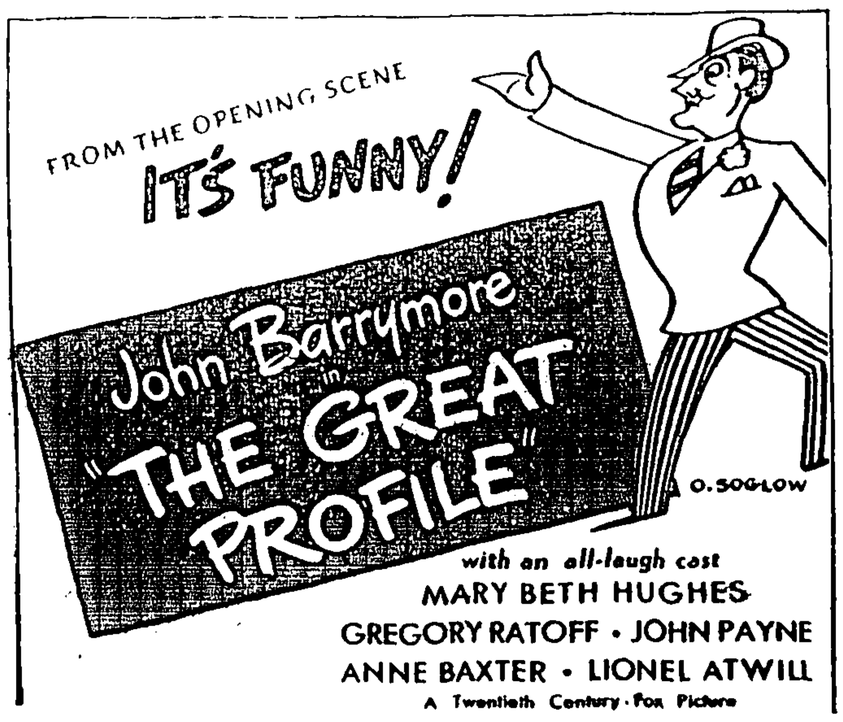

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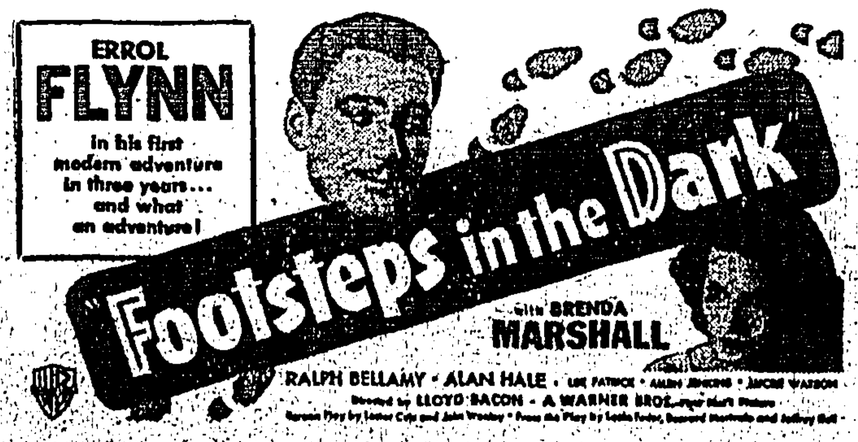

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Miss Jaqueline Cochrane, who recently flew a Lockheed Hudson Bomber from America to England and was the first woman pilot to do so, later took a stroll in London to see the sights. Photo shows Miss Cochrane strolling through the Embankment Gardens, unknown to City workers enjoying their lunch hour rest.

HITLER ASKS ITALY AND RUMANIA FOR MORE MEN

HITLER HAS ASKED BOTH ITALY AND RUMANIA FOR MORE TROOPS FOR USE IN RUSSIA, AND THEY ON THEIR PART HAVE BOTH ASKED FOR A DEFINITION OF HITLER'S OBJECTIVES ON THAT FRONT, SAYS THE LONDON FREE FRENCH AGENCY, QUOTING THEIR CORRESPONDENT ON THE FRENCH FRONTIER.

Hitler is said to have replied that his objectives are strictly limited and that as soon as these were obtained his advance would cease. In any case, the message adds, "German armies will meet beyond the Volga."

Because the army of occupation required for those parts of Russia already overrun is very much greater than Berlin had expected, Italy is being asked to supply a veritable expeditionary corps amounting to about 10 divisions.

The Rumanians, it is reported, are being tempted to supply more men and materials with the offer of Odessa as the "bait"—although the Nazis are nowhere near this city, but General Antonescu is reported to have turned this down because he will be quite satisfied if he can get Bessarabia again.—Reuter.

MOTORIST SHOT BY HOME GUARD

A VERDICT OF JUSTIFIABLE HOMICIDE WAS RECORDED AT AN INQUEST AT KINGSTON-ON-THAMES ON A MOTORIST WHO WAS FATALLY SHOT BY A HOME GUARD.

The victim was Leslie Charles Hull Hyde, aged 39, a clerk, of St. Peter's Road, Twickenham, who was shot when driving a car at Esher.

The coroner, Dr. Baron, said it was the duty of the Home Guard to fire on motorists who did not stop after being warned. If they did not do so patrols would be useless.

Hyde, it was alleged, passed two red lamps, one of which was being swung in the roadway by a Home Guard to warn motorists to stop.

Home Guard Tickner said he shouted "Halt!" and fired when the car was 40 to 50 yards beyond the lamps, but he denied firing wildly, and aimed at a back tyre.

A police sergeant said the bullet entered the car near the roof, and Hyde was shot in the head.

Mr. E. V. Birkholm, a passenger in the car, said he advised Hyde to stop when he saw the red lamps. Although Hyde replied, "I don't think it concerns us," the witness believed he was pulling up as the shot was fired.

GERMAN FORTS IN SPAIN

According to reports from Havana, the Germans have built a string of fortresses, fortified points, and airfields along the Spanish coast, on the Bay of Biscay, in the province of Galicia, and have virtually assumed complete control of that province.

The source quoted for this statment is a personality close to leading Spanish Falangist circles.

This informant declared that the impression was prevalent in Falangist circles that the Germans would move into the peninsula not later than the beginning of next month. Their plans provided for the occupation of Portugal.

He added that the Nazis have constructed a very large airport at Lugo, Galicia, which covers a greater area than the city itself. It is situated only about 50 miles from the coast.

The Nazis, it is asserted, have also virtually taken over the Galician ports of Vigo and Corunna, and are using them as submarine refuelling bases.

The Nazis, this informant declared, are constructing a strategic railway line from Seville in the direction of Gibraltar, using rails and other supplies purchased by the Republican Government before the civil war for a badly needed railway between Corunna and Santiago de Compostella.

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By BUD FISHER

NEW INLAND SEA

In a valley where once herds of game drank at the river's edge and the transport rider and trader outspanned their wagons, an "inland sea" covering 60 square miles has been formed. It is known as the Vaalbank Dam, largest irrigation project in the southern Hemisphere. It lies between the Orange River Free State and Transvaal, about 20 miles from the town of Vereeniging.

This giant dam has been constructed across the Vaal River at a cost, together with other subsidiary works, of £4,000,000 of which the Rand Water Board contributed £500,000. The dam wall is 1,900 feet long and 169 feet high, and when filled to capacity after seasonal rains the resulting lake will be 90 miles long and 13 miles across at its widest point near the wall.

With Johannesburg only 56 miles distant this dam will provide a reserve water supply for the Reef towns, besides irrigation over a large area. It is expected to become a popular holiday and sporting centre for Inland South Africa, and modern hotels and boarding houses are being built at the new township called Denysville, after Col. Denys Reitz, Minister of Agriculture, and author of "Commando."

The lake, in common with all big dams in the Union, has been declared a bird sanctuary, and already numbers of wild birds are frequenting the area.

NEW 'PLANE FLIES ITSELF-- WELL, ALMOST

(By Albert D. Hughes)

I DON'T KNOW how to fly. But I took an aeroplane off the ground at Newark, turned over the controls long enough for the real pilot to get some altitude, and then did a very passable job of piloting the ship across Long Island and the Sound to the Connecticut shore.

There with the weather thickening a bit and with darkness falling fast the pilot took over and brought us into New Haven — where I caught a train for Boston I would have been unable to catch in time in New York.

The 'plane I was piloting gave me a real thrill of pride—local pride—for it is the first aeroplane to be built in Massachusetts in nearly 15 years. Oddly enough, it is being manufactured at the same plant at the Lowell Airport in South Lowell where back in 1926 the De Ravilland "Moth" a sport 'plane, was manufactured under a licence from the English company.

To Speed Training

Charles W. Sutherland, President of the company, a veteran pilot and well-known in local aviation circles, told me without any reservations that he could take a casual passerby off the street and with an hour's training he would be able to "solo" one of these 'planes. If the person could drive a car, Mr. Sutherland said he could not only solo, but also make perfectly banked turns after two hours. With ten hours' instruction, he told me, a pilot could make "spot" and precision landings and begin to get the hang of judgment in distance, weather phenomena, air speed and other factors that make "just" a pilot a "good pilot."

With Professor Otto C. Koppen of Massachusetts Institute of Technology, designer of the 'plane, Mr. Sutherland had a pioneer model built incorporating conclusions as to what a safe aeroplane should have. Beginning backwards, as it were. It worked startlingly well, too.

From this point they began to try and throw but many ideas, carefully scouted whatever "safety" 'plane designs there were, for the "faults" they might have and tried to avoid them in their own design. When the right time came—two years ago—they got financial backing and used this money to perfect their design and work it up into a ship having eye appeal as well as good flying characteristics.

When they got through they had a 'plane which, in the language of the CAA, is "characteristically incapable of spinning." It could take off and land in a cross wind and handled well on the ground because of its tricycle landing gear.

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In the air the 'plane is turned by its ailerons through the same control which steers the nose wheel of the tricycle gear on the ground. It is a high wing monoplane for better flap action, seats two in side by side arrangement and has suitable interior fittings and baggage space. The "Skyfarer," translated to automobile terms, will give you more than 20 miles to a gallon of gas, 500 miles to a quart of oil, has a range of 350 miles and a cruising speed of 95 miles an hour. Slower, possibly, than other ships of the same type, but sacrificed for the safety features. At present the ship retails for $2,500, but there is a very interesting story behind this.

If it weren't for the war and the metal priorities, Mr. Sutherland told me, this 'plane could be worked down on a production basis to about $1,000. At present there are only about 35 workmen at the Lowell plant.

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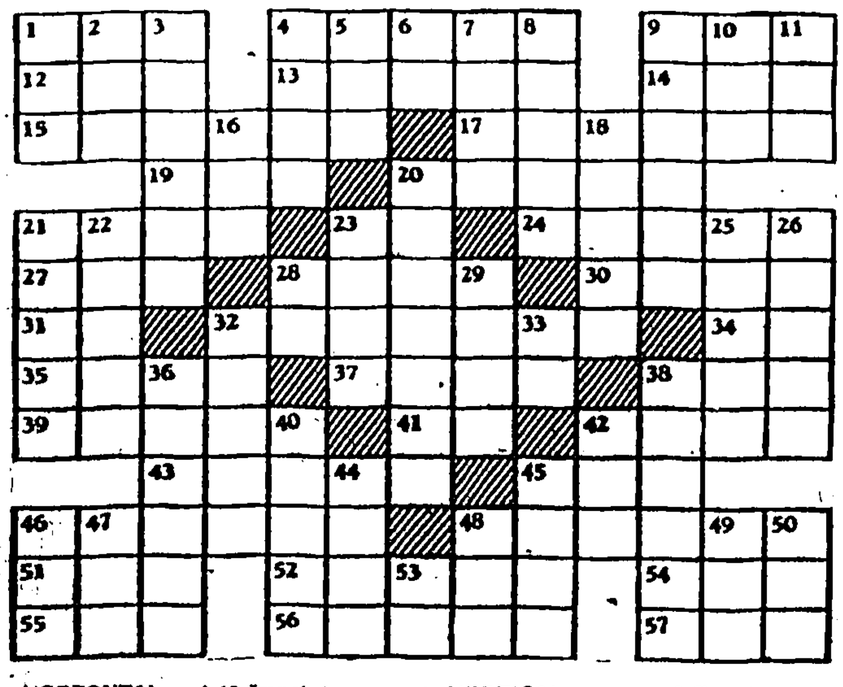

HORZONTAL
1 Boring tool
4 Unskilful
9 Feline
12 French coin
13 Titles
14 To be obliged to
15 Hostility
17 Silly smile
19 To low
20 To soak
21 Congenial
23 By
24 Requirements
27 Not strict
28 Russian mountain system
30 To jog
31 Conjunction
32 Type
34 Brother of Odin
35 Bearing
37 Card game
39 Pronoun
40 Ancient chariot
41 Teutonic deity
42 To penetrate
43 Peeled
45 English slang: tavern
46 Impaled
48 To handle awkwardly
51 Cravat
52 Snake
54 Meadow
55 Conjunction
56 Indian corn
57 Poetic: always

VERTICAL
1 Peer Gynt's mother
2 Triumphed
3 Clumsy person
4 Preposition
5 Negative vote
6 Printer's measure
7 Nuisance
8 Chinese money
9 Ductile metal
10 Fear
11 Music: three
16 Electrified particle
18 Encounters
20 Piled up
21 To accuse
22 Fertile spot
23 Greek deity
25 English seaport
26 Cubic metre
28 Above
29 Prevaricator
32 Cowardly person
33 Latin conjunction
36 Saw
38 To limp
40 Vision
42 Sticky substance
44 Scandinavian literary work
45 Unadulterated
46 Music: as written
47 To fasten
48 Capital of Morocco
49 Sheltered
50 Hearing organ
53 Roman gods

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BRAVE LONDON CARRIES ON

A BAEDEKER OF NAZI AIR BOMBING

RESUMPTION OF SERVICES IN WESTMINSTER ABBEY, OF CHIMES FROM BIG BEN IN ITS DAMAGED TOWER, OF THE PASSAGE OF SHIPS UNDER TOWER BRIDGE SHOWS HOW LONDON RE-EMERGES AFTER THE NAZIS' HEAVIEST BOMBING ATTACKS.

An American, making a tour of London to-day, would probably make his first sortie along the Strand and Whitehall to Westminster.

Here, opposite the damaged Houses of Parliament, he would find the flag flying from the north-western Tower of Wesminster Abbey. He might even hear strains of the organ, for Westminster Abbey was not so seriously damaged as first reports had represented. The spot between the transepts, where King George VI and Queen Elizabeth were crowned, was for a time open to the sky. The platform on which the coronation chairs stood was piled high with debris and charred beams from the wrecked Lantern Tower. But this damage, with slight splintering of the Lady Chapel, is the total harm the Abbey itself has suffered.

The historic Canons' houses, Deanery, and Westminster School, however, have fallen victims to Nazi destructiveness. The School has lost its famous old Hall, where the traditional ceremony of tossing the pancake used to be held on Shrove Tuesday.

Damage To Commons

The House of Commons too, has taken heavy blows. What the world understands by the House is no more. The Chamber is a mass of masonry rubble and twisted girders. In places the broken walls rise around the boundaries of Chamber, but within that intermittent framework there is scarcely a stone to mark the spot where so many stands for freedom have been made. The Members' Lobby too, little less famous than the Chamber itself, has been ruined.

The roof of Westminster Hall, however, does not appear to be seriously damaged. The famous hammer-beams which support the roof are hardly touched. As far as can be seen the fire attacked the rafters high up under the roof. The libraries of the Commons and the House of Lords also are undamaged.

The Adelphi pile, a modern concrete structure covering the whole of the area of the old Adelphi Terrace, has been only slightly damaged, but the streets round about, Robert Street, Adam Street, John Street, are badly knocked about.

The Little Theatre is a burnt-out shell.

The granite of Cleopatra's Needle still gleams in the sun.

Other Buildings

At the other end of the Strand stands the ragged structure of St. Clement Dane's Church, the damaged buildings of the Temple and the Law Courts. In Fleet Street the exterior of the newspaper offices, as a whole, little sign of recent ordeals.

At the sign of the Old Cheshire Cheese, the door into the ground floor and "Dr. Johnson's room" is barred. For "enemy action" has destroyed that part of the premises in which the Doctor and so many famous litrary figures have sat as they dined and talked. Two thousand pounds' worth of antique treasures went up in flames on the ground floor and in the museum of the Cheshire Cheese.

The visitor can still mount the old oak staircase, and lunch in a panelled room on the first floor, with its spacious fire-gate and sawdust-covered boards. Ye Olde Fare has been modified somewhat, to conform to rationing requirements.

Dr. Johnson's House

Making a detour of Fleet Street's rambling "back-stage" courts to avoid debris, the visitor would come to the old Georgian house where Dr. Johnson worked on his Dictionary. The framework of the building is intact, and it is thought the lower rooms can probably be restored. The roof, however, has been damaged by fire, some of the rooms, including the large attic in which Dr. Johnson and his six clerks worked on the Dictionary, have been gutted and some of the treasures destroyed.

The famous chair which Dr. Johnson used at the Cock Tavern was saved, together with several first editions, including that of the Dictionary.

The Tower of London itself has returned from being one of London's most popular showplaces to its acient role as a garrisoned military stronghold. At the entrance of Tower Hill on one side sits a Yeoman Warder, an honorary member of the King's Bodyguard of the Yeoman of the Guard," and on the other a khakiclad soldier. Strolling here and there in the grounds is a beefeater in his Elizabethan costume—a bright spot of colour against the gray stone walls.

View From Terraces

Bombs have fallen on the Tower at some points, but this thirteen-acre medieval fortress shows little sign of the damage to the visitor walking along the Terraces of the Tower Hill Gardens.

The North Bastion is the only corner which tells of enemy activity. There huge chunks of six-foot wall are lying on the bed of the dry moat as though some giant had torn them away tossed them from the castellated battlements. In the sunshine a few yards away a gardener mows the grass. Farther along the moat in the shade of the Tower walls are flourishing vegetable allotments.

The "Tower Hill Improvement Trust" carries on its work at one of its other properties on the Hill.

Though the raids have brought the constructive side of the Trust's work to a standstill, bombs have carried out a demolition programme of their own, and opened the way for planning the district anew. The properties owned by the Trust include the site of the birthplace of William Penn on Tower Hill.

At the other end of the Embankment, in Chelsea, Carlyle's residence has fared very much better than Dr. Johnson's home. The house in Cheyene Row in which the writer and his wife lived from 1934 unharmed except that the windows have been broken by blast. The house is closed to the public, but a resident caretaker looks after the literary treasures which are still there. Carleyle's statute is in the embankment gardens nearby.

Hits In Chelsea

The Chelsea Hospital, a beautiful Wren building and the home of the Chelsea pensioners, has also been damaged.

Another favoured haunt of American visitors, Caledonian Market, has been closed, but it has a wartime rival within Hyde Park. Down by the Bayswater Road is one of the biggest open-air markets London has ever seen. Portable salvage is taken here from damaged property. If you want a window-frame, a chimney-pot, a bath or a water tank, it is there in the market; The range of baths is especially wide as these fitments tend to survive intact; all shapes and sizes from 10s. to £3.

Trafalgar Square Lions

Even the brick dust and rubble has its price — a shilling a yard. Who wants to make a road? A genial-lookinb man in rubber boots shows the stock. You make your choice. Then you go to the County Hall to pay cash to the appropriate officer who gives you a permit to collect.

In Trafalgar Square, where Nelson still mounts guard on his lofty column, the lions sit stolidly on their pedestals much as before the war, except that they now hold sandbags between their paws ready to be seized for putting out incendiary bombs.

One of them has had its paw broken, but otherwise all the statues in the Square seem to be intact.

Charles I have been elaborately encased at a cost of more than £300. Ration troubles notwithstanding, people still find food for the pigeons.

Shakespeare sits in the Leicester Square Gardens. Chin in hand, he looks out over a huge crater toward the Empire Cinema where queues of people pass in to see the latest films.

Many other devastations have been made by Nazi raids. Buckingham Palace and St. James's Palace have been damaged, St. Paul's has been badly hit, though the dome is still a familiar landmark and services are held in the Crypt. Paternoster Row is a chaos of bricks and rubble. The Guildhall has been fired, the Old Bailey hit, many Wren churches destroyed, large departmental stores burnt down, others damaged. Yet the American visitor standing on the Thames Embankment at the "rush hour" on any weekday morning would see the usual streams of City workers wending their way over the bridges—on foot, by bus, by tram-car and in private, motor-cars. Their determination to "carry on" is one of London's traditional possessions which the Nazis simply cannot bomb.

COLOGNE RAID BLAZE

A brilliant fire, at least a mile long, among the factories on the outskirts of Cologne, was one result of the R.A.F.'s attack on the Rhineland on Sunday night.

The Air Ministry, giving details of the raid, adds that elsewhere ten other fires were burning simultaneously.

The pilots saw high explosive bombs bursting in the midst of large industrial buildings already burning fiercely.

At Rotterdam, there was a formidable fire among the docks.

Its glow was seen from 100 miles on the way back.

A pillar of smoke rose to 6,000 feet from a large part of the docks, while the flames lit up the warehouses which were in front of the smoke.

At Aachen, bombs were seen to burst among factory buildings.

After these successful attacks, the whole of the large bombing force came safely home, though the Germans put up a strong barrage and night fighters were about. —Reuter.

NEW A.T.S. CHIEF

Taking over the command of the Auxiliary Territorial Service from Dame Helen Gwynne Vaughan yesterday, Mrs. Knox, the new Controller, who is only 33 years old, stated that she hoped to have a personnel of 200,000 in the A.T.S. in six months.

"Our chief job," said Mrs. Knox, "is to see our numbers are made up to more than 200,000. We have now between 40,000 and 50,000 and by Christmas I hope to see another 100,000 in our ranks."—British Wireless.

COLLAPSE IN STREET

Said to be suffering from cholera, a 45-year-old Chinese collapsed in Hunghom yesterday. He was admitted to the Cholera hospital at Laichikok.

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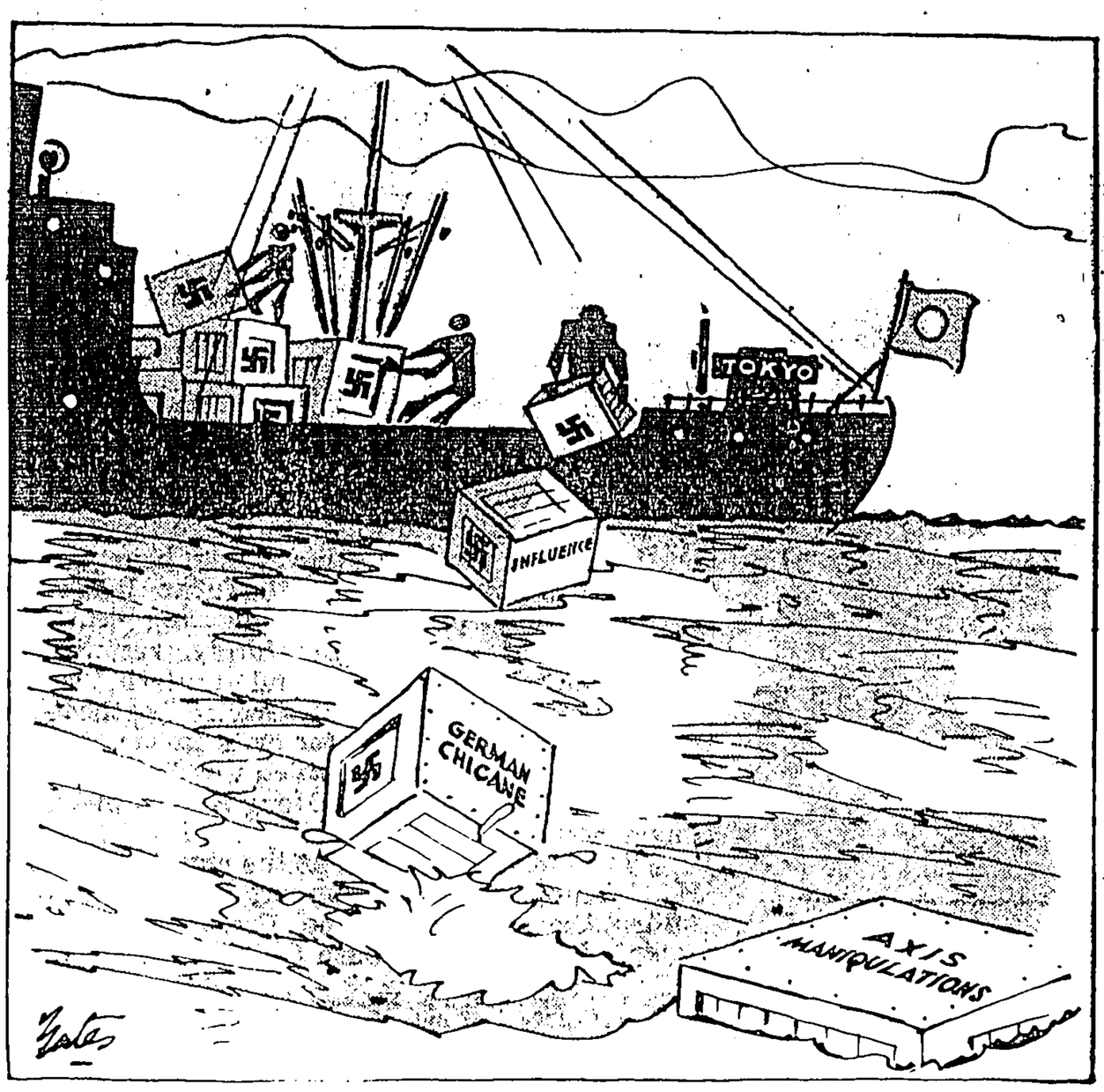
THE DOMINIONS

The Prime Minister is probably right in declining to put the consultation between Britain and the Dominions on too formal a footing. The creation of a standing Imperial War Cabinet is full of difficulty. It would have to contain representatives of all the Dominions, of India, and of the Colonial Empire. It would, sitting with the present War Cabinet, be a large body. The executive character of a War Cabinet would be lost. Moreover, each Dominion would need to detach an extremely important member of its Government to attend, and that, with the political balance as it is in in one or two cases, would not be easy. At a later stage of the war, perhaps, we can usefully have, as we had in 1917, an Imperial War Conference, with the Dominion Prime Ministers sitting in with the War Cabinet But for the present there is everything to be said for the visit of the Dominion Premiers in rotation, each to be during his visit a member of the War Cabinet. Mr. Menzies's presence in London proved of enormous value and timeliness. He has now been followed by Mr. Fraser, from New Zealand, and we may hope that later Mr. Mackenzie King and General Smuts will be able to visit Britain. And, as in 1917, there should be also recognition of India, this time as a full partner. But it should be through a prominent Indian, not through the Secretary of State or an Anglo-Indian. If only to secure this formal association the immediate grant of greater authority to Indians at the centre would be worth while.

LIFE IN ALSACE-LORRAINE

It might have been expected that the Nazis, anxious for French collaboration, would have tempered the rigours of their system to the habits and sentiments of the people of Alsace-Lorraine. The vivid account of the provinces given by a correspondent in the pages of "France" shows that the Nazis have preferred the shock tactics and the persecuting measures that are more natural to their genius. French may not be used in the schools, talking French is an offence, papers are posted on the walls expressing hatred of France, there are no French books, German names replace French everywhere. These methods are common form, in some degree, when a Government tries to force a foreign culture into its own system. But the Nazis, armed with the Gestapo and its finished technique, add their own special cruelties. One of them is specially interesting in view of the Vichy programme. The Vichy Government speaks of the strengthening of family discipline and loyalty as one of its chief objects. The Nazis, of course, want to subordinate the family to their system; and in Alsace-Lorraine as in Germany they train children to spy on their parents. In his recent book Sir Bernard Pares says that the Bolsheviks, who used this method of terrorism in early days, have renounced it. Children in Russia are now taught in the schools to respect their parents and elders. Marshal Petain has thus closer affinities with the Bolsheviks, whom he dreads, than with the Nazis, with whom he hopes to collaborate.



LIGHTENING THE BURDEN.

The Bread Penny

By Elizabeth Kyle

"AND as for cheese, which is so nutritious," said Emma Van Klampen, rising to go, "that is not to be obtained even for gold."

"There is not much that cannot be obtained for gold," answered Anna, adding thoughtfully, as she went to the door with her visitor, "I wonder now . . ."

She closed the hall door and went quickly towards the small slip of a bedroom behind the sitting-room. Jan lay propped up on pillows, looking far smaller, under the bedclothes, than his thirteen years. The illness had done that, and then the lack of nourishing food. If he had not had the illness he might have done as well as other boys on the rations the Germans allowed. But now, without the butter and eggs and so on which their doctor hardly liked even to mention as a necessity unless he should seem to be mocking. . . .

"Are you hungry, dear?" she asked, looking down on her little brother.

"No," he said listlessly. That frightened her. That was bad. But she remembered her sudden thought while speaking with Emma and, saying. "What a pity! Because we were going to have something nice for supper," lifted the heavy velvet curtains dividing the room from the other beyond and began to thread her way between cumbrous, handsome pieces of rosewood furniture towards the old glass-fronted corner-cupboard. Everything in the room was old, heavy, and handsome and had been in their family a long time. But all the antique shops in the Hague were stuffed full of such objects, which no one was buying. What use was money to-day unless it bought food?

She found the key of the corner-cupboard and unlocked it. Her fingers strayed among dozens of tiny objects; little handleless blue-and-white teacups as fine and transparent as paper; a silver filigree coach; a bunch of seals that had belonged to her grandfather; and presently her heart began to thump with agitation for what she sought was not here. One faint hope remained. Quickly she stepped into the other room again, letting fall the dark curtains behind her, and said as calmly as possible: "What have you done with the bread penny, you bad boy? Did you take it out of the cupboard one day when I wasn't looking?"

"The bread penny? . . . Oh yes, I remember. Don't be angry, Anna, but I took it to school before I was ill, to show to a boy who had never seen one. Fancy! His family hadn't got any."

"Where is it now?" She spoke faintly, trying to still her agitation.

"It's in my pencil-case, I think."

She found his pencil-case and rummaged in it until among india-rubbers and old stamps and pencil stubs, she found what she was looking for. It was not a penny at all but a button; a round tortoise-shell button such as old-fashioned Dutch gentlemen wore on their surtouts a hundred years ago and more. As she stood grasping it tightly Jan asked. "What do you want with it, Anna? Everyone else knows what a bread button looks like."

Remembering how he said he wasn't hungry, she decided not to tell him, but said instead, "I've got to go out for a little. Try not to be impatient till I come back."

She ran upstairs and began to put on her things quickly. It was dusk already and the black-out made it dangerous for people to be wandering near the canals later than this. She brushed her empty jewel case aside impatiently, looking for her gloves. Her mother's pearls, her father's massive signet-ring had long been sold—though not for money. A few minutes later she had left the house and was boarding a tram bound for the workmen's district round about the Wilhelms Canal.

The water in the canal, which by daylight looked like dark green satin, melted now into the dusk, so that one hardly perceived the small houses and shops bordering it. A row of barges lay moored under the bridge, and a little girl, muffled up to her eyebrows, sang a low song to the clothes-pin in her arms which she pretended was a doll.

Anna paused at a doorway with the name "Henryk Pieters, Antiques," above it. The little window at the side showed nothing but a fly-blown Rembrandtesque painting and a cracked blue Delft plate. As she passed it a hand half drew a black-out curtain across the window, then paused as though someone was watching her. She knocked, and an old man opened the door and motioned her inside. But when he saw properly who it was he shook his head saying. "It's no good. I don't want your silver candlesticks, nor your escritoire either. Who do you think would buy them? Not the Germans; they do their shopping in the smart district."

"They tell me you always buy gold," she said, laying the bread penny on the table.

"Ah, that's something different!" But he looked at her suddenly, suspiciously. "How do I know it's intact?" And he began with a sharp penknife apparently to split the button. The top half came up neatly from the under, and there in his palm was a silver coin with a grooved edge. The slit in the grooving was almost invisible, but again his knife found it, and with a sharp spurt and tinkle the two pieces flew apart, leaving a thin gold coin in his palm. So, during the Napoleonic Wars, did far-seeing Dutchmen adorn their garments in case of the worst.

"I can give you for this," said Henryk Pieters, "a fine Alkmaar cheese. Have you no more bread pennies?"

"The set was broken up in my grandfather's day and divided amongst his family," she said, adding firmly, "One cheese is not enough, I want some eggs for an invalid."

"Eggs are gold," he grumbled. "Yes, and prison too. My heart was in my mouth, transferring them from my brother's barge last night, lest one should drop and tell the tale to the first German policeman who passed." But he disappeared a moment, then brought her a round red cheese and three eggs, all hidden in a little basket with a few sticks of charcoal on top.

When she stepped out on to the quay it was dark and no one was about. Even the little girl had disappeared down into the warm depths of her father's barge. Yet Anna, hurrying along it, heard imaginary footsteps all the way behind her, and wished, fearfully, that she too were a little girl again, so that she could clasp the basket to her breast and sing over it, croon over it, make people think that she only carried a doll.

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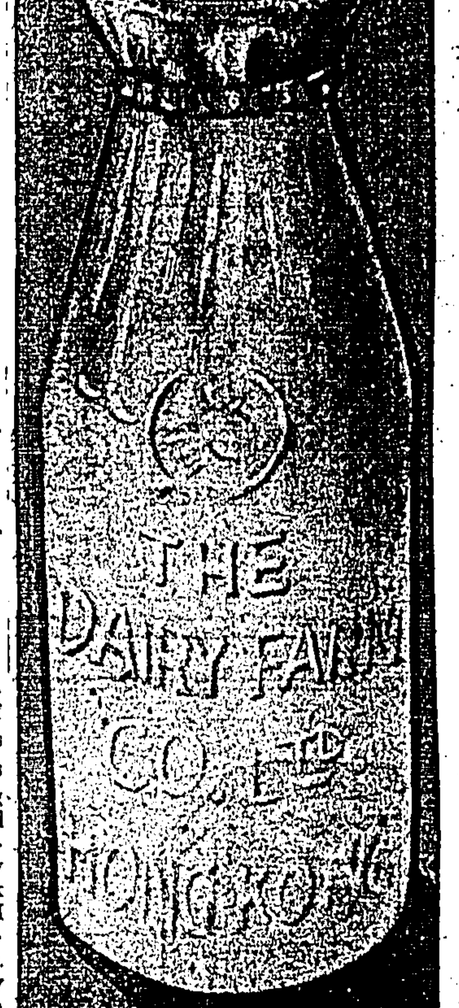

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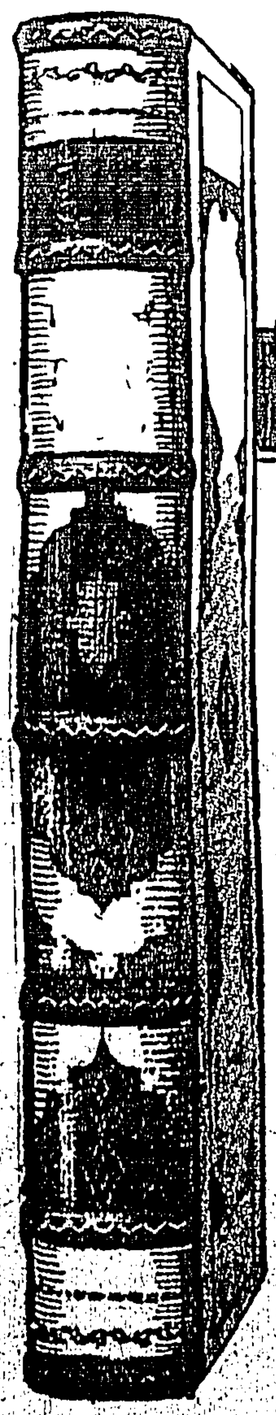

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The appeal was made at the request of Madame H. H. Kung, with the support of His Excellency, under the auspices of the British Fund for the Relief of Distress in South China.

Opening the meeting, Bishop Hall said.—"My first duty is to express the gratitude of all who care for China and for the disabled soldiers of China to Madame H. H. Kung, to whose initiative and determination this meeting is largely due. She called a group together to her house and asked us to help her to get the money which Dr. Robert Lim so badly needs for the extension of the Red Cross work for disabled soldiers.

"Before I call on Dr. Robert Lim to speak I must mention one other active founder of this gathering. Sir Robert Kotewall has asked me to express on his behalf his unqualified support and enthusiasm for this cause. We are sorry that Sir Robert is not here to infect us with his own enthusiasm and conviction but I know you will agree with me in sending him from this meeting our best wishes for the rest he deserves and the health we need him to have.

"Good Wine Needs No Bush"

"It is unnecessary at this time and in this company to say more about Dr. Lim. He is preeminently one of those whom Shakespeare had in mind when he said, "Good wine needs no bush." What he has done for China will live as one of the great achievements of history. Recognition of it does not depend on our words: it is written in the lives of thousands of soldiers who would, without his aid, have been lost to China and to their loved ones; and it is written deeply in the traditions and standards of work and training which has established and which will remain a permanent part both of the Army medical service and of the National health services of China."

Dr. Lim's Speech

Dr. Robert Lim said:—

"The Orthopaedic Centres have been organised to care for those who have been disabled in the course of China's struggle for freedom. Naturally most of the cases are soldiers, but civilians injured or maimed through enemy air-raids must also be helped.

"Orthopaedics is usually concerned only with injuries of the limbs—the arms and legs — in which the bones are fractured or broken. But as war wounds often given rise to terrible deformity and disability, and injury which will lead to disability is now given attention by our service. Not only are broken limbs treated, but repair of head and jaw injuries, and of other body defects are now being undertaken. Artificial legs and arms, all kinds of braces and appliances for the body, even artificial jaws, noses, and we hope later—artificial eyes —are being made and fitted to suit each individual. Treatment of such cases is a long and tedious process requiring specialists with special equipment, such as X-Ray, diathermy and other physiotherapy apparatus.

"Time hangs wearily on the patient, and progress of cure is often discouraging. To keep up the morale of the soldier patient, he must be given something to do. Above all he must not be returned to society feeling an outcast unable to sustain himself or subsisting solely upon the pension which he may receive.

The Disabled

"The disabled are therefore encouraged to undergo vocational training along some line which is adapted to his disability and which will afford him a reasonable living by his own efforts. Such trades as tailoring, stocking-making, shoe-making, basket weaving soap-making etc. are being taught not only for the material benefit which it gives the trainee but equally important for the spirit of independence and self-respect, which they inspire. The disabled after being treated and repaired feels as good as new, so to speak, and is prepared to take his place in the nation as a useful citizen. The Orthopaedic Centre is thus equipped and staffed to carry out vocational training.

"This is not all. To help the disabled soldier to start his little business and manage it afterwards, he is finally trained in co-operative management. The China Industrial Co-operatives is assisting in giving this training and in providing loans to purchase equipment and raw materials.

"The main objective of the Orthopaedic Centres of which three are now organised and others are set up as soon as funds are available, is thus the rehabilitation into civil life of every soldier discharged from the Army as disabled.

"There is, however, another equally important objective. That is the prevention of deformity and disability. Many wounds, often the light ones, will deteriorate into bad cases, if they are not properly treated at the beginning. Many cases of amputation can be avoided and limbs saved, if properly handled at the start. By training the medical staff of the Army how to treat such cases during the first few days or weeks, we can substantially reduce the number of cases that eventually become disabled. At the same time, a better handling of the serious cases will often save lives.

The Chinese Red Cross

"This is the reason why the Orthopaedic Centres are attached to the Medical Service Training Schools and as there are going to be one School (and Hospital) in each War Area, there will eventually be an Orthopaedic Centre in each War Area. With good treatment given at an early stage, the number of disabled may be reduced by half or more.

"In this work of training the Chinese Red Cross is doing an important part, not only at the Centres, but also at the Front, where the Red Cross Units attached to Armies are doing their best to teach proper methods of handling right at the front, where the wounded man is first attended.

"Funds are needed for the work to provide buildings for hospitals and operating and special treatment rooms, for equipment and materials, for vocational training classes, for hostels, transport and for staff salaries and expenses.

"I am sure you will feel it your duty to help those who have suffered in the cause of their country and in the cause of freedom the world over."

Governor's Speech

His Excellency, the Governor said:—

"I want to put a very plain case to you this afternoon. We know—we cannot help but know—that on every stricken field in China there lie after each battle men—a few hours ago strong, hearty, now in an agony of pain—for whom the future holds one of three possible prospects, a lingering death, the blasted life of a cripple or, thirdly, restoration in part or in whole to health and strength.

"If we were actually to be confronted with such a one, and if the means to help him were at hand, stretcher, ambulance and hospital, who among us would hesitate to carry that stretcher and help with that ambulance until the victim of war had reached the surgeon? Would we not strain every nerve and muscle to get that man to hospital? Would we care whether we risked our very lives if he lay there in the flesh, bleeding at our feet?

"I tell you that thousands of these stricken, pain-torn, dying men are lying about you this very afternoon. Not here physically in Hong Kong, but over there in China for which land beats the heart of every Chinese man and Chinese woman and of every friend of China, however, loyal a British subject he or she may be.

"Those stricken men may be far away in reality, though not, I trust, far from your thoughts; but right here at hand you have stretchers, ambulances, hospitals, surgical instruments and all the rest of Dr. Robert Lim's crying needs; and you have them in very large quantities; not perhaps enough to fulfil all his requirements, but quite enough to save thousands of men from death or helpless crippledom.

"You may ask me where this great store is? The answer is the simplest possible: it is in your cheque-books But not only yours: you have been brought here not only for what you yourselves will give to help the men who are enduring almost hopeless agony in China's cause, but also that you may hear with your ears and publish abroad with your own tongues and pens the Appeal which Madame Kung is launching this afternoon for those mens' sake.

The Real Point

"Many of you, I know, have already given largely, generously, to previous appeals for China's sufferers. In one case it was to a Fund which I personally started, now all too nearly spent; but is the fact that you have already given, and given liberally, the real point? Is not the real point "Have I given enough?".

"I can suggest only one. When you meet a cripple, shattered in defence of your country, and can truthfully say to yourself, "I have left nothing undone, no sacrifice unmade, no dollar unspared, that might have saved that poor creature from his misery," then and then only will this word 'enough' be justifiable in your mouth.

"I hope that I have put the case as plainly as I promised. Dr. Lim has told you of the help which the Orthopaedic Centres started by him is giving to China's wounded and of the very urgent need which those centres have for expansion and equipment. I do not propose to cover that ground again nor to pad out my case with compliments, however well merited, to those who are identified with this most deserving cause. The fact that this Appeal is launched under the patronage of the highly distinguished lady whose name is associated with it is sufficient guarantee that every dollar that you give will be wholly and wisely spent on the Orthopaedic Centres. Of Dr. Lim's devoted work Bishop Hall has told you something and I will add no more to his words than to say that in Dr. Robert Lim the Generalissimo has a servant worthy of himself. I could not find higher praise than that.

"My part is to urge that Appeal on you and in doing so I ask two things of you. First that you will be its Apostles to all who may be willing to respond to it; and secondly that when you yourselves make your response you

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"V" FOR VICTORY CAPTURES U.S. IMAGINATION

AS EVIDENCE OF how Mr. Winston Churchill's vigorous "V" campaign has caught the imagination of the Americans, Alexander Stewart, father of the film star, James Stewart, has erected a 10-foot aluminium painted V on top of Indian County's Courthouse.

The sign which hangs 300 feet over streets is illuminated by floodlights each evening.

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will keep before your eyes the vision of the broken men whom this Appeal sets out to help. If you see that picture clearly this Appeal will exceed all hopes."

Following a short talk by Dr. C. T. Wang, Mr. Tsuyee Pei disclosed that $20,000, in Chinese currency, had been received from Madame H. H. Kung, $50,000 from local banking organisations, and $20,000 from the British Fund for the Relief of Distress in China.

Mr. Lo's Appeal

The Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo said: "His Excellency Sir Geoffry Northcote arrived in this Colony on October 25, 1937. An Address of Welcome on behalf of the Colony was read by the Honourable Sir Henry Pollock, K.C. In the course of his reply which, if I may say so, deeply impressed the Colony, His Excellency said:—

'The blackest cloud in our sky is the grievous war in which the two greatest nations in this quarter of the world are now engaged. It is not for me to express any view upon the merits or demerits of the contending causes. But, as you all know, a strong effort is being made at the instance of the Committee which advises the League of Nations on Far Eastern affairs, to discover means whereby this ghastly slaughter and misery of mankind and this violence done to human intercourse and commerce may be ended. All here will join me in the earnest hope that success will attend the Brussels Conference and that the tragic situation which has developed in China will be quickly cured. No signatory of the Nine Power Treaty will work more vigorously towards this much desired aim than the British Empire. Insofar as we in Hong Kong can support that endeavour, let us give every help that we can.'

"His Excellency's message of sympathy, delivered upon his stepping on the shores of this Colony, naturally afforded great satisfaction to the Chinese. Since His Excellency's arrival he has given his encouragement and support to every worthy cause in charitable aid to China, and in relief of distress.

"In November 1938 The British Fund for Relief of Distress in China, Hong Kong and South China Branch, was formally inaugurated. It is well known that His Excellency is, and has since its inception been, Patron of this Fund. But it may not be so generally known that it was His Excellency, himself who inspired the organisation of this Fund and did so much to bring it about, including drafting the inaugural appeal to the public.

Farewell Present

"When His Excellency was recently approached that the Chinese in the Colony would like to make a farewell presentation to His Excellency, he expressed the strong wish that every cent which the Chinese could afford should be devoted to charitable relief in China, and it is out of deference to His Excellency's wishes that the Chinese farewell presentation will be confined to an address framed in blackwood.

"And now, on the eve of His Excellency's departure, and under the shadow of an illness which we all earnestly hope will be completely dispelled when His Excellency permits himself the leisure to think of himself and to receive expert medical treatment, he has taken the trouble not only of attending this function to signify his sunpport, but of making an appeal which I know must have profoundly touched the heart and soul of everyone present.

"Even if no tangible results should come of to-day's appeal, I can assure His Excellency that when he leaves us he will take with him the abiding gratitude of all Chinese for his sympathy for and help to China. He will, too, have the satisfaction of knowing that his Fund has already expanded over $700,000.00 for the relief of distress and suffering. But I can not believe that this appeal can fail. On the contrary, I am confident that as the result of to-day's meeting we can raise H.K.$200,000 to provide the orthopoedic Centres in Free China which are so badly needed. In that case I know no one will rejoice more than His Excellency. His Excellency's inspiring appeal which we have just heard, and, above all, the fruitful results of that appeal, will indeed be a happy and fitting culmination of His Excellency's labours in Hong Kong in the cause of China.

Among those present were H.E. Sir Geoffry Northcote, Bishop Hall, Dr. C. T. Wang, Dr. Robert Lim, Mr. M. K. Lo, Mr. Tsuyee Pei, Mr. K. P. Chen, Mr. Y. S. Doo, Mr. Sung Han-chang, Mr. P. N. Chung, Mr. T. N. Lee, Mr. Li Tao-fong, Mr. M. Y. Tang, Mr. Sou Z. Chang, Mr. Kan Tong-po, Sir Robert Ho Tung, Sir Shouson Chow, The Hon. Mr. Thomas Tam, The Commodore, The Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith, Lady Macgregor, The Hon. Mr. D. J. Sloss, Mr. J. P. Pennefather-Evans, The Hon. Dr. P. S. Selwyn-Clarke, Mr. A. Wesselius, Director of the American Red Cross, Bishop Valtorta, Mr. W. H. Lock, Dr. W. W. Yen, Dr. F. C. Yen, Mr. E. Cock, Dr. S. N. Chau, Dr. Li Shu-fan, Mrs. P. S. Selwyn-Clarke, Mr. B. W. Tape, Mr. Hsu Shi-ying, Mr. M. H. Lo and Mr. M. W. Lo.

NEUTRAL EXPOSES AXIS RADIO

In a fully documented article on the front page of the Buenos Aires La Nacion, Leonardo Spearman, the newspaper's London correspondent, gives an account of what he describes as a 'malicious attempt" by Berlin and Rome radio to misrepresent his despatches.

He reproduces sentences which the Axis radio took from his despatches, torn from their context, wrongly to represent him as stating that British morale was weak.

ROYAL WORKMAN DECORATED

A Government workman who, for over forty-five years, was perhaps more closely in touch—in a literal sense—with the most important Royal ceremonies than any highly placed Royal official was yesterday presented with the Imperial Service Medal by Mr. George Hicks, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Works and Building.

During his service, he ministered to the needs of ten Prime Ministers and four Speakers.

At an early stage in his life, he assisted in the preparations of St. Paul's Cathedral for Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee, the Lying in State of Queen Victoria at St. George's Chapel, Windsor, and the Lying-in-State of Mr. Gladstone. —British Wireless.

NEW RANKS IN THE R.A.F.

TWO NEW RANKS ARE TO BE INTRODUCED INTO THE ROYAL AIR FORCE. THEY WILL PROBABLY BE FLIGHT SERGEANT PILOT AND WARRANT OFFICER PILOT.

No date can yet be given for the institution of the new ranks.

Hitherto sergeant pilot has been the only non-commissioned rank available to pilots in the Service. The result has been that no advancement has been possible except by taking a commission, a thing which some sergeant pilots may not wish to do or may not have the opportunity to do.

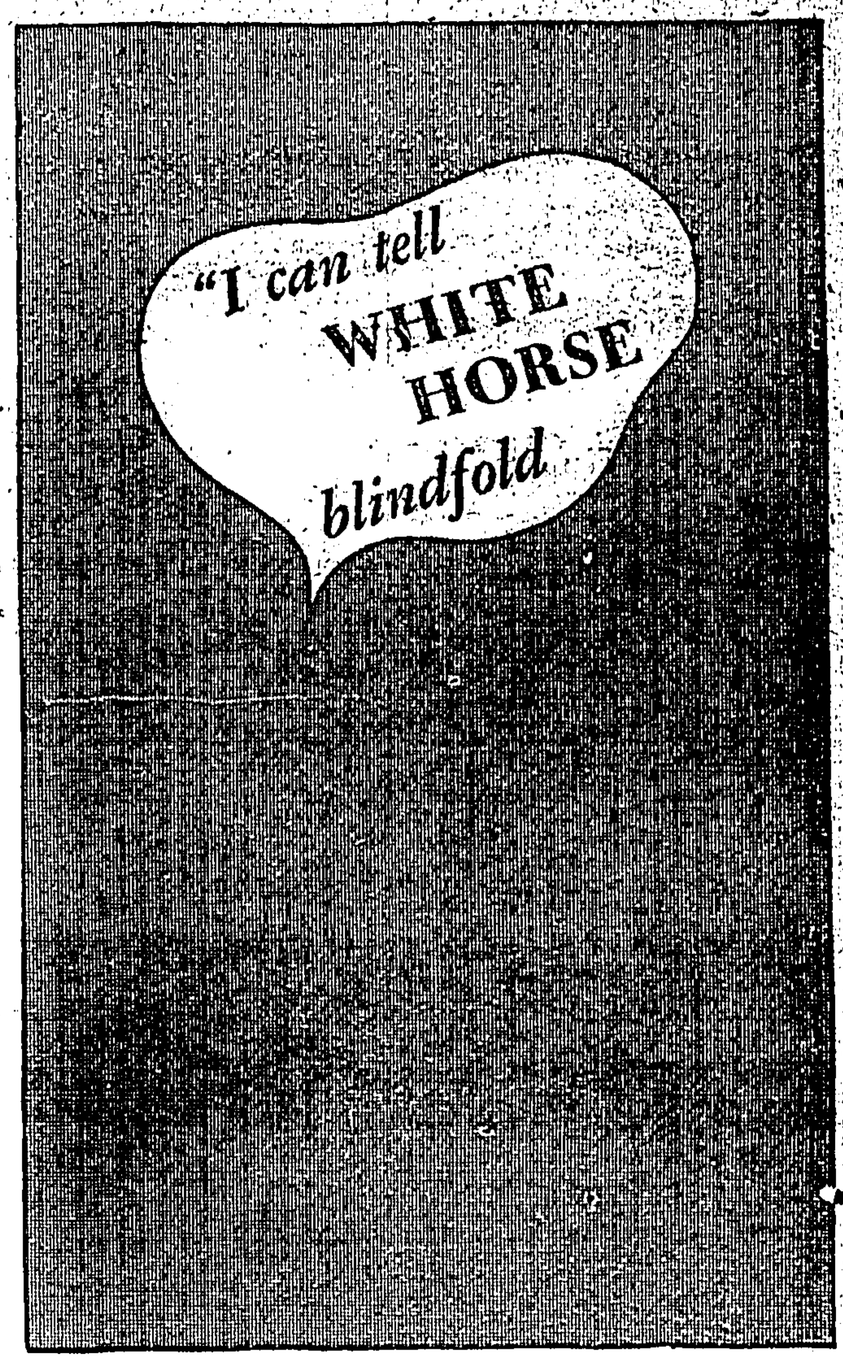
The introduction of the new large-size bombers has made it more than ever desirable that there should be some advancement open to sergeant pilots other than through the taking of commissioned rank. The chief pilots of these big machines undertake large responsibilities.

BOOTHBY TO JOIN R.A.F.

MR. R. BOOTHBY, M.P., IS SHORTLY TO JOIN THE R.A.F. HE WILL RETAIN HIS SEAT IN PARLIAMENT.

Mr. Boothby, who became Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Food in May last year, resigned his post after the report of the House of Commons Select Committee which inquired into his conduct in connection with payments out of Czech assets in Britain.

Mr. Churchill, moving the Committee's report in the House of Commons on January 28, said: "One can only say that there are paths of service open in war time which are not open in times of peace, and some of these paths may be paths of honour."



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North-South vulnerable

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♡ 8 7 3
◇ 5
♣ A Q J 9 8 3

WEST
♠ 6 2
♡ A 6
◇ A K 10 8 4
♣ 10 7 6 2

EAST
♠ Q 10 9 4 3
♡ Q 5 2
◇ Q J 6 2
♣ 4

SOUTH
♠ K J 7
♡ K J 10 9 4
◇ 9 7 3
♣ K 5

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South	West	North	East
Pass	1◇	2♣	2◇
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ACE ... 3
KING ... 2
QUEEN ... 1
JACK ... ½
TOTAL VALUE OF PACK 10
AVERAGE HAND 2½

"But who am I to sneer about the defence when I couldn't even get to a cold game? My partner and I have wrestled with the hand long and earnestly, but we still don't know how it could have been bid. What do you say about it?"

We say that it's not an easy hand to bid, but the game should be reached if the two partners are good bidders and trust each other. Everything was pretty logical up to and including West's pass on the second round. But North's pass was a different story.

South had bid two hearts—freely and vulnerable. He wasn't trying to wriggle out of a bad spot, since East had bid two diamonds and South could have passed with a bad hand. South couldn't have a four-card suit or even a weak five-card suit, since he had voluntarily come in with his bid at the level of two when vulnerable.

In short, North did not have to worry about the strength of the trump suit. South had at least a strong five-card suit; and North's three small hearts were ample support. Surely North's strong clubs, singleton diamond, and spade Ace were enough to suggest a game at hearts. Hence North should have raised to three hearts, strongly inviting South to go on to game. And, since South had about as much as could be expected (considering his original pass), he would have bid four hearts.

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Yesterday you were Merwin Maier's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you held:

♠ K 10 4
♡ 9 2
◇ K J 4 3
♣ Q 7 3 2

The bidding:

Maier	Schenken	You	Jacoby
1♠	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♡	Pass	(?)	

ANSWER: Bid three no-trump. You have a fairly good hand for a simple raise, and can best indicate the scattered nature of your strength and balanced distribution by bidding three no-trump at this stage. If your partner has a real two-suiter, he will probably bid again; but if his hand is well balanced, he will pass and you will be at the most logical contract.

Score 100% for three no-trump, 30% for three spades.

Question No. 774

To-day you are Howard Schenken's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you hold:

♠ K 10 4
♡ K J 4 3
◇ 9 2
♣ Q 7 3 2

The bidding:

Schenken	Maier	You	Jacoby
1♠	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♡	Pass	(?)	

What do you bid? (Answer to-morrow).

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POLICE STOPPED MASSACRE OF NAZIS

How prompt action by the French police prevented a massacre in Paris, and how Germans are ruthlessly rounding up and interning Jews there, was told by an American woman, long resident in Paris, who has arrived in Lisbon.

On Joan of Arc day—May 11—the authorities took precautions against possible demonstrations and had police flying squads ready at key points throughout the capital.

Parisians were unable to form processions, but many walked along the Rue de Rivoli and quietly raised their hats to Joan's statue by the Louvre.

Suddenly a commotion was heard, and a man, carrying a French flag and a rosary, came along arguing with a German policeman. He reached a statue and attempted to a kneel before it, refusing to move on.

Several German police, now watched by a growing crowd, tried to drag him away. The man fought until the German policeman, drawing his revolver, shot him dead.

At this the crowd increased quickly and began shouting.

Troops Called

The German police blew their whistles and German troops turned out.

But the French police arrived just in time to get between the soldiers and the people, whom they drove into the Tuileries Gardens and closed the gates.

Later the Germans arrested 400 people who have since disappeared.

BART'S THRICE BOMBED

Although St. Bartholomew's Hospital has been hit by bombs three times in raids on London and the buildings have been severely damaged, the staff has escaped on each occasion.

The first damage was done on a night in September, when a bomb fell just outside the nurses' home. A part of the basement, where some nurses slept, was flooded, but there were no casualties. Later in September a bomb demolished the anatomical lecture theatre and some annexes. Again the staff escaped.

On the night of the great fire raid on London it was decided to remove at once 102 of the 225 patients. Within two hours every patient had arrived safely at another hospital many miles away.

Mr. George Aylwen, treasurer of the hospital, in his 1940 report, says he cannot speak too highly of the way in which the nurses have maintained the great tradition of their profession.

PANTECHNICON TO ROB HOUSE

Patrick Joseph Clews, 23, a mechanic, showed himself to be a thief on a big scale by using a pantechnicon to remove £1,069 worth of property from a house. A scrap of paper led to his being sentenced at the Old Bailey to three years' penal servitude.

Clews pleaded guilty to charges of house-breaking at Wandsworth and to looting premises at Putney of articles valued at £355.

He was not traced until after he had broken into a house in Wimbledon Park Road, Wandsworth. Nearly 1,000 articles, valued at £1,060, were taken. Clews said he pawned some of his clothes to hire a pantechnicon to go to the house.

In the grounds of the house police found a piece of paper which related to the journey and the vehicle. This led them to the warehousemen who had been engaged and then to Clews.

The office etenog says it's the boss' indisposition and not her sunburn that turns working hours on Monday into one long heated argument.

PRISONERS OF WAR PARCELS

Field-Marshal Sir Philip Chetwode, chairman of the executive of the British Red Cross and St. John War Organisation, stated at a luncheon of the Anglo-Swedish Society in London that British prisoners of war in Germany were now receiving a regular and generous supply of parcels.

He had just received a telegram from Geneva asking the organisation not to send so many as it could not deal with them.

"Something Funny"

There was no record, Sir Philip stated, either in the last war or this, of the Germans taking any parcels. At some of the camps, however, "something very funny" was going on.

At Oflag 7 CH, which was full of officers, a good many parcels had been received, but letters from prisoners were contradictory.

A woman said her husband wrote from this camp stating that he had had no food or clothes and was miserable. Another woman said that her son wrote from the same camp at the same time stating that they were receiving so many food parcels that they were having to make cupboards to take them.

Sir Philip added that he knew both men personally and neither would tell an untruth.

Spares For Weeks

"If all the parcels we now have on the sea get through we shall have, with the 10,000 parcels a week we get from Canada, a great many weeks' spares' in case of accident," he continued.

Sir Philip also disclosed that between £17,000 and £18,000 worth of supplies was sent to Greece by the Red Cross. He did not think much had been lost, because it was sent in small quantities, as required, from Cyprus and the Middle East.

They had sent £105,766 worth of supplies to the Middle East, and more was going out every day.

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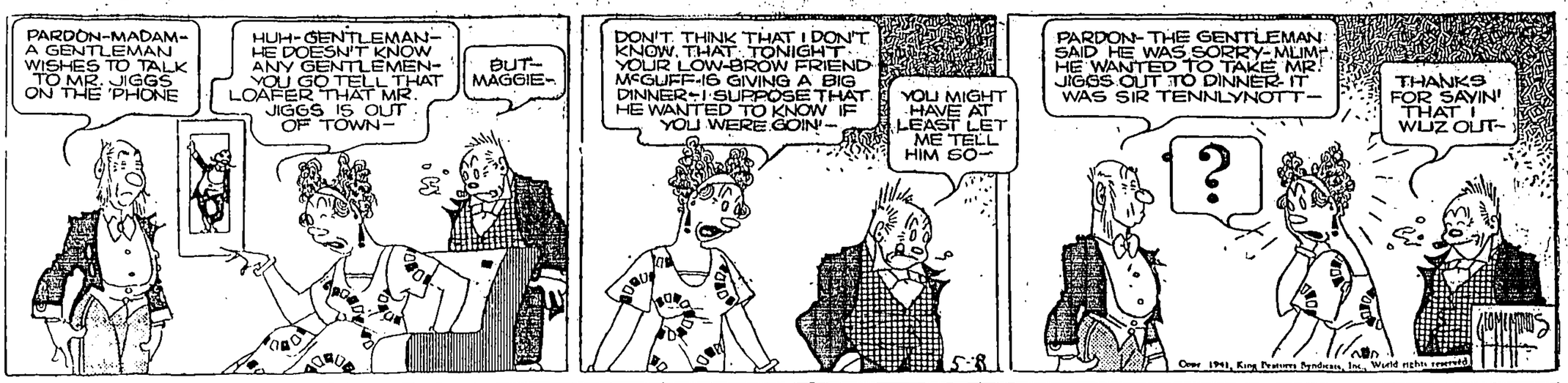

A PAGE FOR WOMEN

Hold Your Man By Being Beguiling

The war is creating strong competition for the girl who is in love with a soldier boy! Absence may, and then again it may not, make his heart grow fonder! It depends entirely upon the girl's tactics.

When you see him you must be beguiling. You must be jolly and sympathetic and interested in the details of his new, strange life. He must leave you with reluctance, thinking you are the prettiest, the most sympathetic and the most amusing girl he could ever meet. Then every other lass who comes his way will offer you no competition!

Be Poised

Quite aware of this romantic problem, a cosmetic firm has presented an entire new line of beauty aids which they have named forget me-not. There is a foaming bath oil and lovely soap, a lush cologne fragrance, and an afterbath powder. With these you are supposed to make yourself sweet and fresh as a flower and while you are doing so, your spirits will soar. You'll begin to sing (for isn't he coming home for a whole week-end?) and your face and eyes will light up with your pleasure. Then you are ready for a fresh new make-up of the same line—a warm rich face powder, rouge and lipstick of a fascinating "blued" red—(just the right contrast for your summer dresses or your military suit.)

Thus groomed and prettied take time to make attractive the room in which you receive him. Environment should be pleasing, too, for that is your setting just as the ring is the setting for a jewel!

Now a little lecture from your Aunt Patricia! I'm going to tell you what not to do if you wish to be beguiling!

Some girls make the horrible mistake of talking themselves out of a man's affections. If competition becomes too keen a boy gives up. But if the boy knows you are rooting for him while he is at camp, and waiting for him to get home again, no girl will be able to take him away from you! He will remember how sweet and poised and fragrant you were the last night he saw you, and you will become the girl he cannot forget!

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Are You A Cabbage?

If you're a cabbage you'll never turn into an orchid. Only a fool or a cat would tell you to try.

All the same you know what people mean by a cabbage. Somebody wholesome and staid and unimaginative and oh, so dull.

You're not going to sit down under that, surely?

The old, rather underdone, boiled, is one of the worst of vegetables, and yet it can be made absolutely delicious.

Cabbage puree with a little bit of margarine in it. . . . That sharp, tasty salad of cole slaw with some vinegar . . . You see the idea?

Dish yourself up differently!

You can be sound without being solemn.

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You can remain your own nice self and keep your standards without being so stiff about fairly nice people whose standards are different.

Above all, you can switch out of thinking that "but I never do that" is a sufficient reason in itself for not trying something new.

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Do you realise that by making wholesomeness so unattractive you're doing more harm than by being a cheap flirt?

You're wasting a good thing and driving people to something worse.

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So, work that out, shake yourself up, and realise that cabbage can be the best vegetable of all.

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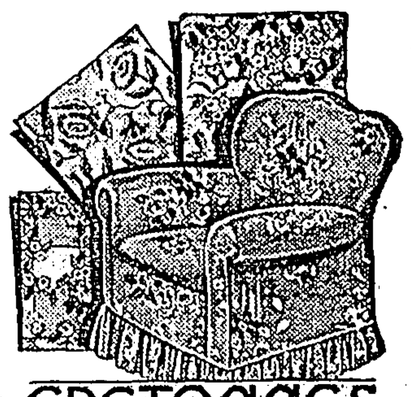

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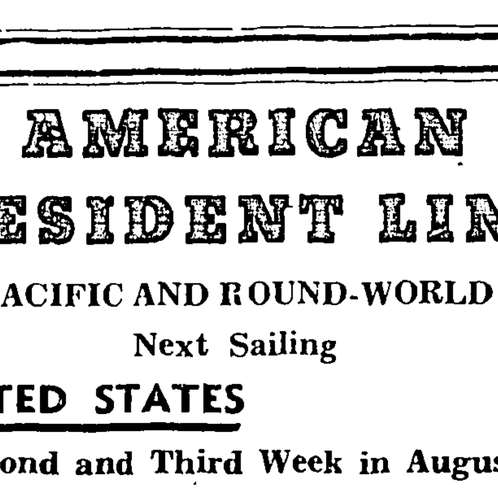

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RADIO

12.15 p.m.—A Short Service of Intercession.
12.30 p.m.—Louis Levy & His Gaumont-British Symphony and Sam Browne (Baritone).
"The Story of Vernon and Irene Castle"—Selection....Louis Levy & his orchestra.
The One Rose (Lyon and McIntyre); A Star Fell Out Of Heaven (Gordon & Revel)....Sam Browne.
Will You Remember—Waltz (from film "Maytime"—Young, Romberg); Swing High, Swing Low (from film "Swing High, Swing Low"—Freed & Lane)....Louis Levy & his Gaumont-British Symphony.
What's Good For the Goose, Is Good For the Gander (Friend)....Sam Browne & Girl Friend with two pianos.
"Hollywood Hotel" — Selection....Louis Levy & his orchestra.
1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Programme Summary.
1.02 p.m.—Some Dixon "Hits".
Dixon Hits, No. 24—Intro: How'dja You Like To Love Me; Love Walked In; Meet Me Down In Sunset Valley; I Won't Tell A Soul; The Sweetest Song In The World; The Chocolate Soldier's Daughter.
Dixon Hits, No. 25—Intro: Says My Heart; Now It Can Be Told; Alexander's Ragtime Band; It's d'Lovely; There's Rain In My Eyes; Everyone Must Have a Sweetheart.
Dixon Hits, No. 27—Intro: Blue Skies Are Round The Corner; The Umbrella Man; Day Dreaming.
1.18 p.m.—Songs by Lucienne Boyer.
Mon P'tit Kaki (Lettre de Femme—Bernstein & others); Tommy Et La Petite Francaise (Christine); C'est Ma Faute (Jean Delettre); Son Regard (Michel Emer).
1.30 p.m.—Reuter & Rugby Press and Announcements.
1.45 p.m.—Dance Music.
Fox-Trots—It All Comes Back To Me Now; Talkin' To My Heart....Hal Kemp & his orchestra.
Tango—Fireflowers .... Heinz Huppertz & his orchestra.
Fox-Trot—Danse Gitane; Slow-Gitane—Carmen, Carmela .... Orchestre Manolo Bel Et Ses Muchachos.
Fox-Trots—Lay Your Racket; I Want You To-night....Sidney Bechet & his New Orleans Feet-Warmers.
Vocal—Out Of The Blue; Waltz—Memories Live Longer Than Dreams....Jack Payne & his Band.
2.15 p.m.—Close down.
6.00 p.m.—Indian Programme.
6.45 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.
6.47 p.m.—Albert Sandler & His Orchestra with Jeanette McDonald (Soprano) and Charles Kullman (Tenor).
Life Is Nothing Without Music (Hartley); Tristesse (So Deep Is The Night—Chopin)....Albert Sandler & his orchestra.
Serenade (Ravini's Serenade)....Charles Kullman with orchestra.
Heartless (Meisel); Gipsy, Sing For Me (Meisel)....Albert Sandler & his orchestra.
Try To Forget (from film "Cat & The Fiddle"—Kern, Harbach); To-night Will Teach Me To Forget (from film "The Merry Widow"—Kahn—Stothart and Lehar)....Jeanette MacDonald with orchestra.
You Will Remember Vienna; I Bring A Love Song (Theme Song "Viennese Nights"—Romberg)....Albert Sandler & his orchestra.
Vale (Farewell) (D'Arcy & Russell); Love, Here Is My Heart (Ross & Silesu)....Charles Kullman with orchestra & organ.
Love's Last Word (Cremieux)....Albert Sandler & his orchestra.
One Kiss (from film "New Moon"—Mandel, Hammerstein II-Romberg)....Jeanette MacDonald with orch.
7.30 p.m.—Portuguese Programme.
8.00 p.m.—London—The News.
8.15 p.m.—London—War Commentary.
8.25 p.m.—London—"Listening Post". Examination of Points in Daily German Propaganda.
8.30 p.m.—Programme Summary.
8.32 p.m.—Compositions of Greig.
Peer Gynt Suite No. 2, Op. 55: Ingrid's Lament—Arabian Dance—The Return of Peer Gynt—Solveig's Song .... New Light Symphony Orchestra cond. by Eugene Goossens.
Im Kahne (In The Boat), Op. 60, No. 3....Kirsten Flagstad (Soprano) with piano.
Elegiac Melodies, Op. 34—Heart Wounds—Spring .... The London Philharmonic Orchestra cond. by Eugene Goossens.
9.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Announcements.
9.02 p.m.—Sergei Rachmaninoff (Piano) and Theodore Chaliapine (Bass).
Serenade, Op. 3, No. 5 (Rachmaninoff); Scherzo (Borodin)....Sergei Rachmaninoff.
"Romissalka"—Aria of the Miller; "Ruesain & Ludmila"—Rondo of Farlaff (Patter Song—Glinka)....Theodore Chaliapine with orchestra.
Polka De W. R. (Rachmaninoff)....Sergei Rachmaninoff.
The Prisoner (Rubinstein)....Theodore Chaliapine with piano.
Tritoka En Traineaux (In A Three-Horse Sleigh) Op. 37, No. 11 (Tchaikovsky)....Sergei Rachmaninoff.
9.25 p.m.—Brahms Clarinet and Piano Sonata in E Flat Major.
Allegro Amabile—Allegro Appassionato ma non troppo—Andante con moto—Allegro con moto....Frederick Thurston (Clarinet) and Myers Foggin (Piano).
9.45-10.00 p.m.—News in French (on Short Wave only).
9.45 p.m.—Concert Waltzes.
Du Und Du—Waltz ("Die Fledermaus"—(The Bat)—J. Strauss)....Orchestra Mascotte.
Danube Waves—Waltz; On The Shore—Waltz .... International Dance Orchestra.
Evening Stars—Waltz (J. Lanner); Good-night—Waltz (Wood, Bibo, Conrad)....Orchestra Mascotte.
10.00 p.m.—London — News & News Commentary.
10.15 p.m.—An Hour of Popular Dance Music and Variety.
Fox-Trot—A Nightingale Sang In Berkeley Square (from film "New Faces")....Joe Loss & his orch.
Vocal—The Cockeyed Mayor of Kaunakakai; Rhumboogie (from "Argentine Nights")....The Andrew Sisters & Vic Scheon & his orchestra.
Slow Fox-Trot—And So Do I; Fox-Trot—Only Forever (from film "Rhythm On the River")....Billy Cotton and his Band.
Piano—All The Things You Are....."Hutch" Leslie A. Hutchinson.
Fox-Trots—Two Dreams Met; Down Argentina Way (from film "Down Argentine Way")....Oscar Rabin & his Band.
Vocal—It's Foolish But It's Fun (from film "Spring Parade"); Beneath the Lights of Home (from film "Nice Girl")....Deanna Durbin with Charles Previn & his orch.
Fox-Trot—The Swiss Bellringer; Quick-Step—The Ferry Boat Serenade....The New Mayfair Dance Orchestra.
Comedian—The Sweetheart Of The Fleet; Bless 'Em All....Arthur Askey with orchestra.
Fox-Trot—We Three (My Echo, My Shadow, and Me)....Tommy Dorsey & his orchestra.
Vocal—I'm Just Wild About Harry (from film 'Babes In Arms")....Judy Garland with Vic Young & his orchestra.
Fox-Trot—Yes, My Darling Daughter ....Benny Goodman & his orch.
Vocal — Yesterthoughts .... Kenny Baker with orchestra.
Fox-Trot—Oh Johnny, Oh Johnny, Oh....Orrin Tucker & his orchestra.
11.15 p.m.—Close down.

PIGEONS AS "OTHER WINGS" OF R.A.F.

FROM MAY TO NOVEMBER last year 320 messages were sent by carrier pigeon from R.A.F. aircraft, only a few of them being SOS appeals, and of these 307 were delivered safely.

One brought news from the Netherlands to the East Midlands in four hours and 10 minutes. Two, released in an entirely strange direction, covered 340 miles in 11 hours.

They had to cross two countries, and a sea, but both made it perfectly.

One young pigeon delivered an SOS, against a Channel gale, over 175 miles of raging sea, in eight and a half hours of fierce relentless fighting with the elements.

The Signals Directorate of the Air Ministry controls R.A.F. pigeons. Approved Pigeon Clubs through Britain are encouraged to train birds so as to keep up a supply for the forces. A committee of prominent racing pigeon fanciers has organised the Racing Pigeon Service, thus enabling thousands to make the services of their birds and their own skill available to Britain.

Birds Carefully Protected

The National Pigeon Service is another organisation which breeds these invaluable birds for the R.A.F. and the Army. It employs its own birds on message work for the Services. And so essential a part do they play that it has become an offence to shoot a homing pigeon. Further, to protect them from natural enemies, the destruction of peregrine falcons has been ordered. Seventy-eight eyries were located and from them a heavy toll had been levied on carrier pigeons.

The high speed of aircraft has caused problems in the release of pigeons during flight. The bird would have small chance of survival if released in the normal way at any great speed. So the difficulty is being overcome by stalling the 'plane while the bird is let go. If circumstances do not permit this, then the bird is thrown clear in a slotted paper bag which acts as wind resister. It is simple for the pigeon to fight its way out of the bag.

In November, 1918, there were 2,000 pigeons and 150 mobile lofts on active service with the British forces. South Africa has not forgotten this. The bombers of the South African Air Force carry four birds each in specially constructed baskets so that an airman, forced down in the sea or the desert with a radio which has failed, can get word back to headquarters.

Some of these wonderful birds have travelled 600 miles in a day. They average about 45 m.p.h. but given suitable wind and air conditions, they can do 60 miles an hour or better.

500,000 in Service

There are said to be half a million pigeons on active service with the British forces on all fronts to-day. In the last war the birds were adapted to war purposes by making use of the instinctive desire to return to the mate, even by starvation to stimulate the desire to get back to the loft for food. Now they are trained by kindness. Fanciers have learned that the homing pigeon is intelligent enough to do anything required of it. A training method has been adopted to make the bird especially contented with its loft, at the same time to impress upon it what it needed outside the home.

So that wherever the mobile loft goes it will want to get back to it. From the age of four months onwards, they are put to training. As they grow larger and stronger they are taken further and further from the loft and forced to fly back.

They are even trained to return by means of a sound which the birds associate with feeding time. It is the "mess call." And as, during preliminary training, the mobile loft is moved every day, the birds become accustomed to look for it anywhere.

When prepared for long flights, a leg or a back container is fitted for messages. The "signal" is written on thin paper so that, with the container, it weighs very little indeed. The "back container," designed for carrying maps and photographs, is held in place by harness which is very carefully fitted to each bird so that the "capsule" is perfectly balanced on its back. By this method loads of as much as three ounces have been carried.

The birds carried by the R.A.F. bombers have message cylinders attached to their legs with a special white patch on the outside so that the airman can inscribe his position in a few seconds if he has to send out an SOS. In case the bird alights on a ship, instructions to send the message onwards are printed on the back of the SOS form. This intelligent anticipation has saved a lot of time on several occasions.

£100,000 DEBTS OF 'DISOWNED' SON

Discharge from bankruptcy was sought at London Bankruptcy Court for Mr. Derrick Julius Wernher, who was stated to have contracted liabilities of over £100,000 through extravagance and gambling when young.

His counsel, Mr. Melford Stevenson, said: "In 1912 this young man was the son of a rich father. He had a terrible urge for gambling and became known to the touts of London and Paris who prayed on expectant heirs.

"He was then a wild young man. He was disowned by his father and left the country in disgrace, abandoning his social position."

It was stated that Mr. Wernher was now in the United States. He failed in 1912 and his assets realised £1,442.

The Registrar was informed that a relative was willing to put up £9,500, which would provide a dividend of 2s. in the pound. Immediate discharge was granted, subject to Mr. Wernher's consenting to judgment for the amount.

Heir at law of Sir Julius Charles Wernher, on whom a baronetcy was conferred in 1905 and who died in 1912, the debtor was referred to throughout the court proceedings as Mr. Wernher.

PACIFIC BASES GET RECRUITS

Scores of fledgling Air Corps pilots are being sent to Hawaii and the Philippines, it was disclosed for duty with the rapidly expanding air fleets based in the Pacific.

Latest transfer orders published by the War Department show that some 116 second lieutenants who have recently won their wings have been ordered to embark for the Pacific outposts in the next three weeks. The fliers are from Brooks and Kelley fields in Texas, and the advance flying school at Stockton, Calif.

The number of these assignments was regarded as evidence that the air squadrons at Hawaii and the Philippines have been heavily reinforced in the last several months. Some authorities consider it possible that the number of combat craft now at Pacific posts runs into several hundreds.

The strategy which dictated establishment of strong air squadrons in Hawaii and the Philippines apparently is based on building up a powerful, co-ordinated striking force of both air and surface craft.

For the Army, this has meant basing a large portion of its available bombers, fighters, pursuit 'planes and the like on the Islands rather than in the continental United States.

That necessity has, in turn, raised the problem of how to give young pilots actual Army flying experience in highspeed, complex combat ships once they have completed their work with the slower training 'planes. Apparently the policy of assigning scores, if not hundreds of these men to the two Pacific departments was the solution hit upon.

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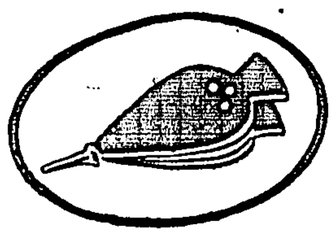

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MILLIONAIRESS NEVER USED £24,000 SHELTER

AFTER BUILDING "the finest air-raid shelter in the country" at a cost of £24,000 in the garden of her mansion overlooking Torbay, Mrs. Ella Marion Rowcroft, eighty-one-year-old millionairess, has died without using it, writes Montague Lacey in the "Daily Express."

When an air-raid warning came to Torquay, Mrs. Rowcroft stayed in her house with a Bible by her side, thinking not of herself, but of other people who were being bombed.

"I'm not afraid," the invalid woman would say to her staff of eighteen servants as the sirens sounded. "I won't go down there. Other people must carry on, so will we."

She called in experts and ordered them to make a shelter that was bombproof and gasproof. It took two years to complete. Mrs. Rowcroft had to be wheeled in a chair, and she staged rehearsals to see how quickly she and the staff could get into the shelter. These were the only times she used it.

An aged servant wearing a black tie and speaking in hushed whispers of his dead mistress, who gave away hundreds of thousands of pounds in Torquay, escorted me round the shelter.

A lift took us more than thirty feet-down below the ground into a fifty-yard-long corridor, with rooms opening out on each side. "There's nothing like this anywhere in the country," said the old servant, with pride in his voice. "It was well planned."

He put his hand to a switch, and the corridor was a blaze of light. It looked like the corridor of a luxury hotel with its shaded lights and beautiful brass fittings.

Then we went into the bedroom which the millionairess planned for herself. The bed was still made up, with its warm silken covering, and a beautiful plush carpet on the floor. At the head of the bed was a bronze plate with the words: "Angels are watching overhead. Sleep sweetly, then. Goodnight."

By the bedside stood a table with a Bible, lavender water, barley sugar, calfsfoot jelly, and a small flask of brandy.

Paintings

The bedroom had shaded lights, and let into the walls were copies of paintings in the mansion. These pictures of seaside scenes could be illuminated by pressing a switch.

On one side of the bedroom was the furnished sitting-room, and on the other the bathroom with hot and cold water. Each room of the shelter had solid two inch oak doors with triple fastenings.

"We have our own telephone down here, and there is an electric fan for the air," said my guide. "Above us is more than thirty feet of steel, concrete, and thousands of bags of sand. On top of that is lots of earth, and flowers growing on top. No bomb would ever get down here."

Miss Mountford, the housekeeper, said: "Our mistress was a very brave woman, and I don't think she would have used the shelter unless things were really bad. It will probably be used by patients at the convalescent home in the grounds here which she gave to the town."

Mrs. Rowcroft was the eldest daughter of the late Sir Edward Payson Wills, of the Bristol tobacco family. Her gifts to the town included £200,000 to build Torbay Hospital.

R.A.F.'S LATEST FIGHTER

Typhoon's Speed Over 400 M.P.H.

Britain is now producing the world's most formidable fighter aircraft, the Typhoon, which surpasses the Spitfire and even the new Tornado in performance. The Typhoon, fitted with the magnificent new Napier Sabre engine, is capable of well over 400 m.p.h.

The Typhoon is armed and armoured better than any of its predecessors. Its armament comprises a mixture of cannon and and machine-guns, giving terrific fire power.

The Sabre engine, designed by Major Frank Halford, famed as the producer of racing motor-cars before the war, develops the unprecedented horse-power of 2,400.

The aircraft is single seater, single-engined machine, designed by Mr. Sydney Camm, chief designer of the Hawker Aircraft Company, who also planned the Hawker Hurricane and the Hawker Tornado. It has a greater range than previous single seater types.

Germany's latest single seater fighter, the Heinkel 113, is believed to have a top speed of 398 m.p.h., a ceiling of 39,400 feet, and is armed with four large-bore guns.

Among the 1,000 Canadian and American aircraft so far delivered to the R.A.F. is the Catalina P.B.Y. flying boat, made by the Consolidated Company. Many models of this machine are doing excellent work on reconnaissance and escort duty in the North Atlantic.

TEN ARRESTS

Ten persons were arrested in the streets of Kowloon during the black-out exercise last night for striking matches in the open and flashing unscreened electric torches. No accidents were reported to the Police.

CUT IN EXTRA PETROL RATION

Motorists who draw supplementary petrol rations are to have these allowances reduced. It is understood that the cut is likely to be between 10 and 20 per cent. of the existing grant.

Announcing the impending reduction, the Secretary for Petroleum, Mr. Geoffrey Lloyd, stated that the greatly increased requirements of the fighting forces necessitated further economies in th civilian consumption of petrol.

The cuts would be made in supplementary allowances for the next rationing period of June and July. Motorists were asked to accept these reductions in the national interest.

"In no circumstances," he continued, "should any owners of private cars and motor-cycles apply for extra petrol unless it is absolutely needed for business or other essential purposes, and no one should ask for a larger allowance than is necessary.

"Applications in respect of the period June-July should be made as soon as possible after May 7, and must be accompanied by the registration book of the vehicle."

SOLDIER SHOOTS POLICE

Firing as he ran, a soldier chased policemen in and out of rooms at York City police-station. After wounding two detectives he was found in a corridor with chest wounds, from which he died.

Earlier the soldier had been seen at an hotel by Det.-Inspr. Thomas Capstick and Det-Constable James Pickup. He was wearing the uniform of a corporal. He accompanied the officers to the police-station.

There he was taken upstairs to the C.I.D. office, Shots were heard, and Inspr. Capstick was wounded in the wrist. Another shot missed Sgt. Thackray but hit Det-Constable Fred Browes in the thigh.

Another constable named Barlow had a lucky escape. He backed into a corner when he saw the revolver pointed at him and heard the trigger pulled, but the revolver did not fire.

Later another shot was heard, and the soldier was found with fatal chest wounds in a corridor.

It was stated at York County Hospital that the wounded detectives were making satisfactory progress.

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POLICE 'A' PROMINENT IN SUMMER POSTAL LEAGUE RIFLE SHOOTING

FIRST RESULTS OF THE SUMMER POSTAL LEAGUE IN HONG KONG RIFLE ASSOCIATIONS MINIATURE RIFLE SECTION HAVE PRODUCED SOME EXCELLENT INDIVIDUAL SCORES, ALTHOUGH SEVERAL TEAMS LOST THEIR MATCHES BY NOT HAVING A FOURTH MARKSMAN UP TO THE SHOOTING STANDARD OF HIS FELLOW TEAM MEMBERS.

Hong Kong Police "A" team produced the highest scores of the period on their 20 yards range, with a 362 against R.A.F. "A" and 347 against Punjab "E".

A close result was provided by the Middlesex Regiment "E" team, who scored 342, and Royal Scots "C" Coy. "A", with 341, both returning good average scores.

The highest individual Open Sight scores of the period were:—

C.H.M. Adal Sher (Punjab "D") . . 94
Sgt. F. E. Russell (H.K. Police) . . . 93
Nk. Noor Alam (Rajput "D") . . 93
Sgt. Puran Singh (H.K. Police "A") 93
C.S.M. Milne (Royal Scots "D" Coy. "A") . . 92

Scores in the Aperture Sight League were not high, R.A.F. returning the highest score of the period with 386 against H.K. Police "A". Sgt. Wall (H.K. Police "A") returned 99, the highest individual score.

Results of matches completed on July 13 are as follows:—

FIRST DIVISION FIXTURES

H.K. Police "A" (20 yards) 362 v R.A.F. 316.
2nd/14th Punjab Regt "A" 280 v H.K.V.D.C. "A" 246.
H.K. Police Reserve (20 yards) 329 v 2nd/14th Punjab Regt. "B" 318
22nd (F) Coy. R.E. 272 v 5th/7th Rajput Regt. "A" 286.
2nd/14th Punjab Regt "C" 311 v Royal Scots H.Q. Coy "A" 318
5th/7th Rajput Regt "B" 312 v Middlesex Regt "A" 277
Royal Scots "A" Coy 300 v H.K.R.N.V.R. "A" 298
5th/7th Rajput Regt "C" 281 v Royal Scots "B" Coy 235
Middlesex Regt "B" 297 v 2nd/14th Punjab Regt "D" 287.
5th/7th Rajput Regt. "D" 304 v Royal Scots "C" Coy. "A" 339
Middlesex Regt. "C" 296 v 5th/7th Rajput Regt. "E" 313.
Royal Scots "D" Coy "A" 312 v Middlesex Regt. "D" 291
2nd/14th Punjab Regt. "E" 321 v H.K. Police "A" (20 yards) 347.
R.A.F. "A" 336 v 2nd/14th Punjab Regt. "A" 302.
H.K.V.D.C. "A" 296 v H.K. Police Reserve (20 yards) 342.
2nd/14th Punjab Regt. "B" 305 v 22nd (F) Coy. R.E. 297.
5th/7th Rajput Regt. "A" 319 v 2nd/14th Punjab Regt. "C" 326.
Royal Scots H.Q. Coy. "A" 314 v 5th/7th Rajput Regt. "B" 321.
Middlesex Regt. "A" 294 v Royal Scots "A" Coy. 300.
H.K.R.N.V.R. "A" 310 v 5th/7th Rajput Regt. "C" 320
*40th (F) Coy R.E. v Middlesex Regt "B" 295.
40th (F) Coy. R.E. 321 v Royal Scots "C" Coy. "A" 332.
Middlesex Regt "E" 326 v 5th/7th Rajput Regt. "D" 331
Middlesex Regt. "F" 342 v Royal Scots "C" Coy "A" 341
Dockyard Rifle Club 315 v Royal Scots "B" Coy 280.
Dockyard Rifle Club 317 v 5th/7th Rajput Regt. "E" 330
Collinson R.C. "A" 267 v 2nd/14th Punjab Regt. "D" 245
Collinson R.C. "A" 270 v Middlesex Regt "D" 277.
* Cards not returned.

SECOND DIVISION FIXTURES

H.K. Police "B" (20 yards) 345 v R.A.F. "B" 327.
H.K.V.D.C. "B" 213 v H.K.R.N.V.R. "B" 308
Royal Scots H.Q. Coy "B" 265 v Royal Scots "C" Coy "B" 326
Royal Scots "D" Coy "B" 236 v Middlesex Regt "F" 259.
Middlesex Regt "G" 272 v Middlesex Regt "H" 264
R.E. Shamshuipo 321 v R.E. Stanley 285
R.E. Stonecutters 314 v R.E. Collinson 199
H.K. Police "A" (20 yards) 376 v R.A.F. 386
H.K. Police "B" (20 yards) 380 v Royal Scots "C" Coy. 367
H.K. Police Reserve "A" (20 yards) 381 v H.K. Police Reserve "B" (20 yards) 360.

GENE SARAZEN'S LAPSE

In the semi-final of the P.G.A. Championship at Denver, Byron Nelson, defending champion, beat Gene Sarazen 2 and 1 after being in arrears for 27 holes. The last nine holes were played in a heavy rainstorm and Sarazen lost the match when he missed a 4-foot putt at the 35th. Vic Ghezzi entered the Final when he held a spectacular late rally by Lloyd Mangrum and won one up. Ghezzi, erratic protege of Craig Wood, National champion, won the Final, one up on the 38th green, when Nelson missed a 2½-foot putt.

The totalisator turnover for 16 States in America exceeded G.$408,000,000 last year. In addition to the tote—the only legalised form of course betting—there is a tremendous volume of "off-the-course" business.

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WATER-POLO AT STANDSTILL

Owing to Blackout and Military exercises no games in the Y.M.C.A. Invitation Water-Polo Tournament have been arranged till Thursday.

TO-DAY'S PAIRS GAMES

Following is to-day's programme of matches in the Third Round of the Colony Lawn Bowls Pairs Championship:

At K.B.G.C.

N. J. Bebbington and J. F. McGowan v J. J. Basto and C. H. Basto.
B. D. Evans and C. Fuller v J. S. Howell and W. Gill.
A. L. Eastman and W. C. Simpson v W. J. McCarrach and T. Pile.

At K.F.C.

F. Goodwin and E. W. C. Simmonds v C. M. Silva and F. X. Soares.
J. M. Purvis and A. Bailey v W. L. Walker and R. Duncan.

At K.C.C.

H. R. Pinna and B. Basto v J. Hurst and C. E. Turpin.
C. W. Lam and N. P. Karanjia v L. J. Silva and J. F. V. Ribeiro.

At Club de Recreio

W. J. Burling and M. N. Rakusen v A. A. Dand and W. V. Field.
B. A. Mansell and P. Morgan v. W. McMaster and M. Ferguson (First Round).

At P.R.C.

L. Gaddi and C. S. Rosselet v S. R. Solina and K. M. Omar.
D. A. Rosario and J. S. Landolt v J. H. Gelling and H. G. Wallington.

At C.S.C.C.

J. M. Jack and A. E. Perry v K. M. and S. M. Rumjahn.

At C.C.C.

A. Morton and W. Nash v S. Eccleshall and J. Shepherd.
E. L. Strange and H. E. Strange v C. E. Marques and J. E. Noronha.

McCULLOUGH BACK AGAIN IN THE NEWS

Clyde McCullough, though considered Chicago Cub's first string catcher, has had to take a back seat in his team's publicity campaign, due to the fact that other things happened to keep him out of the news.

The antics of Lou Novikoff, to date the Big Flop of 1941, was the first, and this was followed by the trading of veteran Billy Herman to make room for young Lou Stringer at second base.

All this over and done with, the boys at the Bruins' camp have just waken up to the fact that in McCullough they might easily have a second edition of Leo Hartnett, for this 185-pound hind-snatching youngster (he is only 24 years of age), gives every indication of taking his place in the great line of Cub catchers—Johnny Kling, Jimmy Archer, Bob O'Farrell and Gabby Hartnett.

Adjudged the finest catcher in the minors in 1940, McCullough batted 324 to be runner-up in the International. He manufactured 27 home runs, 5 triples and 21 doubles.

He is an alert base-runner, of good speed for a big backstop.

On the recommendation of Scout Clarence Rowland, the Cubs paid the Yankee organisation $40,000 for McCullough late in 1939, while he was helping Kansas City to a pennant.

ONE-PUNCH LOUIS

Heavyweight boxing champion Joe Louis threw only one punch on July 11 to knock out Jim Robinson of Philadelphia in the first round of a scheduled four round exhibition bout at Minneapolis.

A. Morton, Kowloon Bowling Green Club lawn bowler, is leaving shortly on transfer.

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Edwin S. Hill, West Indies all-round cricketer, will play professionally for Spen Victorin. He is 13th Test player engaged in Bradford League.

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The oldest known thoroughbred in America is Merrick, who was 30 this year. He was raced until he was 11 years old, starting in 203 races, of which he won 61. He is nearly blind, deaf and toothless, but his owner reports him as "getting along fine."

OMAR BROTHERS SCORE 42 AT 16 ENDS FOR LAWN BOWLS PAIRS WIN

A BLOCK OF SECOND ROUND MATCHES IN THE COLONY LAWN BOWLS PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIPS WERE PLAYED OFF LAST EVENING WHEN, FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE THE INTRODUCTION OF DAYLIGHT SAVING IN HONG KONG, BOWLERS WERE IN A HURRY TO FINISH OFF THEIR GAMES — IN ORDER TO GET HOME BEFORE THE "BLACK-OUT" EXERCISES BEGAN.

A number of games were postponed, and the biggest total of the day was chalked up by A. M. and U. M. Omar who scored 42 against 10 by V. Ebbage and J. Gellatly. Included in the Omars' score were three 5's and two 4's.

Omars opened with a single but Ebbage and Gellatly then scored a four. Omars then scored 16 shots at the next six ends, before the Civil Service pair replied with a two and a single to be led 19-7.

At the 15th end, the score was 22-10 in Omar's favour. Omars then scored 20 shots at the last six ends which included two fives, a four and a three.

Scores were:—

U.M.O.: 1 0 2 4 5 2 2 3 0 0 1 1 0 1 0 5 2 5 4 1 3
J.G.: 0 4 0 0 0 0 0 0 2 1 0 0 1 1 1 0 - 0 0 0 0 0 -

Consistency Rewarded

At Kowloon Cricket Club P. A. Peckham and W. McNeill beat J. S. Riddell and J. C. Aitken 22-16.

McNeill opened with a 4 and though scores were levelled at the 3rd a run of 1 4 1 3 saw McNeill well ahead again at the 7th. There was little in this game that was outstanding but the winning pair were the more consistent and this proved the deciding factor. McNeill scored at 12 ends.

Scores were:—

J.C.A.: 0 3 1 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 3 1 2 0 1 2. 0 0 0 0 2
M.McN.: 4 0 0 1 4 1 3 0 1 1 0 0 0 3 0 0 1 1 1 1 0

An Impossible Task

At Kowloon Bowling Green Club C. F. Vas and J. C. Remedios beat E. Curtis and A. W. Smith 29-22.

It was a game where fortune fluctuated considerably, for while the K.C.C. pair had all the joss that was going up till the 15th, at which stage they were leading 20-16, the Recreio players came into their own after that, thanks chiefly to a 4 at the 16th. Once they regained the lead (they were 10-8 up at the 8th) there was no holding them and 3 4 1 1 in a row found the K.C.C. pair in the hopeless situation of having to score a 10 with their 8 woods at the 21st end to tie! Remedios scored at 12 ends.

Scores were:—

J.C.R.: 0 0 0 1 4 1 4 0 1 0 0 0 4 1 0 4 3 4 1 1 0
A.W.S.: 1 1 4 0 0 0 0 2 0 3 1 3 0 0 4 0 0 0 0 0 3

Win For Police Pair

G. Willerton and G. Davies of Police Recreation Club had an easy win over H. McKay and M. Purvis and won by 23 shots to 13 at Craigengower Cricket Club.

Willerton scored at the first 7 heads without reply and led Purvis by 12 clear shots. At the 15th Willerton was leading by 17-7. Willerton scored on alternate heads and won by 10 shots, after scoring at 13 heads.

Scores were:—

G.W.: 2 2 2 1 3 1 1 0 0 1 0 0 3 1 0 1 0 2 0 3 0
M.P.: 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 3 1 0 1 1 0 0 1 0 3 0 1 0 2

An Even Game

The game between T. Coleman and P. Younghusband and W. Melrose and J. C. Chalmers was evenly contested till the 14th head, but a strong finish enabled Coleman and Younghusband to win by 16-11.

At the 5th Coleman and Younghusband were leading 5-2 but at the 13th the score was 9-all. Melrose and Chalmers then scored a single but Coleman and Younghusband finished with 1 2 1 0 1 1 1 to win by 5 shots. The winners scored at 13 ends.

Scores were:—

J.C.C.: 1 0 0 1 0 1 2 0 0 2 0 2 0 2 0 1 0 0 0 1 0 0 0
P.Y.: 0 2 2 0 1 0 0 1 1 0 1 0 1 0 1 2 1 0 1 1 1

Omars Win Easily

Scoring at 16 ends, A. M. and U. M. Omar beat V. S. Ebbage and J. Gellatly by 42-10 at Police Recreation Club.

F. X. Silva Wins

The match at Kowloon Dock between C. Dowman and F. Channings against C. C. Pereira and F. X. M. Silva resulted in a win for the latter by 18—13.

Guterres's Rink Win At K.D.R.C.

In the Second Round of the Colony Lawn Bowls Rinks Championship A. P. Guterres's rink (H. R. Pinna, A. M. Xavier and B. Basto) beat N. J. Bebbington's four (N. D. Lloyd, H. H. Rose and T. W. Carr) by 22 shots to 17 at Kowloon Dock on Sunday.

LATEST CLUB RESULTS

Following are the latest results in intra-club lawn bowls competitions:—

H.K.F.C.

PAIRS COMPETITION

First Round:—S. Hircock and A. Brooksbank beat A. G. Gratton and H. Gelling, 22-20; E. L. Strange and W. Gill beat C. B. Robertson and J. Ralston.

CLUB SINGLES

First Round:—C. F. Needham beat A. G. Gratton, 21-16; K. S. Robertson beat H. Gelling; K. Forrow beat R. P. Shaw, 22-16; H. G. Wallington beat J. M. Thomson.

Second Round:—K. Forrow beat C. J. Lodge, 21-10.

C.C.C.

SENIOR SINGLES

First Round:—A. J. Coelho beat S. R. Solina, 21-17.

JUNIOR SINGLES

First Round:—J. H. Xavier beat S. R. Solina; A. J. Coelho beat E. S. Franks, 21-20; M. J. Medina beat R. K. Pavri; S. Leonard beat W. J. Curd; G. S. Ladd beat E. Zimmern.

Second Round:—W. Ward beat D. A. Rozario.

SOOSE DEFEATS CELLI

Billy Soose, midd eweight boxing champion by decree of the New York Boxing Commission kayoed Toni Celli in the 2nd round on July 11.—Reuter.

Entries for the hockey (on roller skates) competition, sponsored by "Chi Yin Yat Po", closes to-day.

FIREWORKS RACED TWICE IN AN AFTERNOON ON 3 OCCASIONS

Nowadays few owners or trainers would countenance running a high-class three-year-old twice in the same afternoon, but John Tait did that with Fireworks on three different occasions in the 1867-68 season. At Flemington on Nov. 27, 1867, he ran Fireworks in the Duke of Edinburgh Stakes, a handicap, 1½ mile and a distance. The colt finished third, and, with one race intervening, won the Galatea Stakes, a two-mile race for three-year-olds. On the following New Year's Day Fireworks won the Derby, 1½ mile, at Flemington, and was then saddled up for the next race, the Midsummer Handicap, 1¾ mile, in which he carried top weight, 9.0 (minimum 6st.), and won easily from the aged gelding Tor boy in 3.0.

Fireworks was then taken to Tasmania, and at Launceston on Feb. 20 won the St. Leger. His next run was in the St. Leger at Flemington on March 21, and that proved soft for him. Then he was brought back to Sydney, and, though beaten by his stable-companion Glencoe in the St. Leger at Randwick on April 25, won the All-Aged Stakes, 1 mile, and the Autumn Brute Stakes, 1¼ mile, on May 1. He finished by winning the Randwick Handicap, 1¼ mile, with 9.4 (minimum 6st.), on May 2. At the commencement of that season he was unplaced in the Melbourne Cup, then run on the first day of the meeting, Thursday, Oct. 31; won the Derby on the second day—there were two Derbies at Flemington that season—and ran second in the All-Aged Stakes, 1 mile, on the third day. John Tait believed in getting all that was possible out of his horses. As a four-year-old Fireworks was weighted at 9.6 (minimum 6.7) for the Melbourne Cup, those above him being Sydney Tim Whiffler and The Barb, 10.4 each.

Mohawks Play Heads-Up Baseball To Beat Up Mindanaoans

South China Strike Form To Down Sappers

REDDINGTON BEATS ROBINSON ON POINTS

Conceding Alf. Robinson, Leeds, 4lb., Tom Reddington, Salford heavy-weight, defeated him on points at Belle Vue, Manchester, staging the best fight of his career in the process writes Norman Hurst.

He boxed cooly and cleverly, paving the way to victory with a stiff left to the face in the early stages.

"The contest was open, and a hardfought one from bell to bell.

Robinson found too late that his best punch would have been a right to the body instead of trying this blow on the bobbing head of his opponent.

I have watched Reddington in many matches, and viewing the constant danger of the hard-punching Yorkshireman's deliveries, I rule last night's victory as the best on Reddington's record.

The crowd is now asking for Reddington and Martin.

Fusilier Pierce Ellis, Manchester, met Len Massey, Salford, who substituted for Kid Tapner, the referee stopping the fight in the third round after Massey had been down for a count of nine.

Gill (Nottingham) beat Jones (Coalville) on points; Wilson (Salford) defeated Britner (Manchester), fight being stopped in third round.

MCAVOY'S CHALLENGE

Jock McAvoy, middle-weight champion has challenged Tom Reddington, Manchester, to a bout at 13st.

But Reddington's manager, Mr. Walter Metcalfe, points out that he is now a heavy-weight and could not entertain the idea of a contest at the weight stipulated.

He offers to meet McAvoy at catch-weights.

BOON'S £1,000 CHALLENGE

Eric Boon's reply to Harry Lazar's £500 challenge to fight at the light-weight limit, in Norman Hurst's opinion, merely dodges the issue.

Boon says he will back himself for £1,000 at 10st.

So far as boxing interest is concerned, Boon had better far have said nothing. In plain language, either he is prepared to defend his light-weight title against Harry Lazar and cover Lazar's sidestake or he does not want the match.

SIR BLENHEIM ONLY SANE ONE OF FIRST CROP

George W. Stratton has a Blenheim II-sired colt at Hollywood Park that is almost a dead ringer for Whirlaway. Same dark chestnut colour, blazed face and markings and long tail.

The Circle S candidate's name is Sir Blenheim and he has twice visited the winner's circle. He prevailed at the third asking last Summer at Hollywood Park, rambling five furlongs in 1:00 1/5 and captured a six-furlong event last Fall in 1:12 1/5. Last Summer as a juvenile he worked five-eighths in 59 flat. He's been away from the races since last Autumn and was spared from racing as an early 3-year-old in order to allow him to gain maturity.

Sir Blenheim was purchased as a yearling from John B. Hertz for $20,000. He is out of Ann Gowdy, a High Time mare, while his grand dam is the illustrious Anita Peabody.

"Sir Blenheim isn't as screwy as Whirlaway," asserts Owner Stratton. "In fact, he's the only sane one of Blenheim II's first crop."

GUNBOAT-HURLER PAWLOSKI YANKED IN FIFTH: ARM INJURY PREVENTS MOUND WIZARD FROM PITCHING AT HIS BEST

By "Grandstand"

PLAYING HEADS-UP BALL ALL THE WAY LAST SUNDAY, CHUCK WAGGONER'S MARAUDING MOHAWKS DISPLAYED EXCELLENT FORM BY TOPPLING THE LEAGUE-LEADING MINDANAO MACE-MAULERS 7 TO 4, FOR THE SEASON'S BIGGEST UPSET, WHILST SOUTH CHINA CHALKED UP THEIR FIRST VICTORY OF THE SEASON BY SHADING ROYAL ENGINEERS 8 TO 7 ON SATURDAY.

The Mohawk upset just about ends all hope of Mindanao rejecting the points forfeited by Hong Kong Brewers, and the affair might as well as be filed away as finished business.

Although Mohawk mound victor Larry Lawrence, the Lone Star Ranger, in a return to the hillock, was nicked for nine safeties, six Mindanaomen went down swinging at his teasing side-arm slants. He only passed four to first.

Losing pitcher Pawloski was chased off the hill in the fifth after conceding four blows, fanning three and walking two — he was, however, nursing a strained arm. Henry "Crooner" Ruel finished the game, but the damage had already been done.

Minnies Score First

Nip Lum, Chuck Waggoner and Den Crary went out in order in the initial frame for no count, whilst the Minnies dented the pay-off station twice on three solid blows in their half of the frame. In the next canto Pete Elder slashed out a two-bagger, but was left stranded as Waller grounded out, whilst the Pawloskimen added another tally on a single and a fumble.

In the third game Mohawks broke the ice with a cluster of four tallies on two hits, assisted by a couple of bobbles, to take the lead, but Bob Strahl evened the count 4-4 on two successive singles and a fumble.

Coming into the fifth Lum singled, whilst Waggoner worked relief hurler Ruel for a pass. With ducks in the pond, Den Crary hoisted a fly to right which gardener Kennard muffed for Lum to cross the plate in a cloud of dust.

Waggoner Scores

Lawrence flied out to right again, but Waggoner scored, whilst Pinky Higgins tapped out a roller for Crary to ride home with another marker. In the Mindanao half, Bowersox stood still on a groover, whilst Kennard and Strahl flied out for no gain. In the sixth Wong, Oliver and Lum were erased in order for a Mohawk no-run, no-hit chapter.

A wild heave, followed by a perfect dump, put angels on the lily paths for the Minnies. Tony Mascavage, cloud-bumping hind-snatcher, strolled up to the platter with his pet mace, but to his disgust and the Mohawk rooters' delight, he was given an intentional pass on four pitches, to load the sacks. With the tieing run on base, keystoner Ray Wilson took three healthy cuts at the ozone for the rally to die out.

Coming into the seventh, still three runs behind, Bowersox poled out a ripping two-bagger, but the Waggonermen dished out some smart fielding to smother the last-minute effort.

Newcomers Shine

Henry "Crooner" Ruel and Tony Mascavage both clouted for a two-in-three figure, whilst Bowersox banged out a double and a single in his four trips to the platter.

Nip Lum and Johnnie Wong, latest additions to the Tribe, worked in complete harmony around the key-stone and completed the only twin-killing of the tussle, when Nip Lum froze on to Bowersox's stinging liner, and relayed the pill to Wong to double Tony Mascavage, who left second with the crack of the bat. Five Waggonermen died on the sacks, whilst eleven potential Mindanao runs were left stranded.

South China Improve

South China showed a marked improvement by nosing out the Sappers 8 to 7 to avenge their former defeat.

Sapper moundsman Mickey Sarsfield was blasted out of the box in the second frame, after walking one and conceding four hits. First-sacker Mack Shaw, called in to finish the game, doled out three safeties, whiffed three, and handed out free transportations to first to five Car'iners. Nam Hwa hurler Paul Lau sustained a cramp in the sixth and was derricked in favour of "Shorty" Pau.

Sappers' Bases Loaded

The Caroliners counted once, when they managed to piece together a walk, a steal, a sacrifice and a single in the first canto, but really started going to town in the second semester as Ernie Moy, Paul Lau and Cecil Winglee spiked the rubber on a trio of safeties. In the Sappers' half they produced a real threat, as Jimmy Welford drew a pass on the gravy train, a single by Mike Sarsfield and another walk, saturated the sacks with Sappers and only one out.

The uprising was quelled as Gray fanned the breeze for the second erasure, whilst centre-gardener Cecil Winglee ran back a couple of city blocks to pull down Cork's long hoist, which was labelled, with a single-handed stab that had the stands on their feet.

The Caroliners tallied twice more in the third and fifth frames to chalk up a total of eight markers, whilst Sappers could only manufacture one in each of the third and fifth, and that was the way they went into the last session.

Nightmarish Inning

The Nam Hwamen were blanked in their half, whilst pilot Hal Winglee went grabbing for the smelling salts as the Sappers counted five times—one short of knotting the count—on five costly errors. Jones was pegged off second to end the night-marish inning.

South China right gardener Willie Kwan slashed out two singles in his two batting attempts for a perfect 1.000 figure.

Sapper Bob Foley, whose main stock-in-trade consists of banging out sharp singles through the infield, connected for a handsome three-in-four figure, and incidentally is the first one to park a ball out of the park at Railway Corner. Your scribe got despatches all crossed up last Saturday, and gave the credit to Flash Ratcliffe.

BASEBALL LEAGUE TABLE TO DATE

	W.	L.	Pctg.
U.S.S. Mindanao	5	1	.833
H.K. Brewers	4	1	.800
Chung Hwa	3	2	.600
U.S.S. Asheville	1	1	.500
H.K. Baseballers	3	4	.429
Royal Engineers	2	4	.333
South China	1	4	.200

DID YOU KNOW?

Elmer Flick, Cleveland, won the American League batting championship in 1905 with a slim .306 average. Larry Doyle of the Giants was the National League title-holder in 1915 with a .320 figure.

CORRESPONDENCE

BASEBALL LEAGUE DECISION

Sir,—"Sportsman," in his letter yesterday, summed up the whole "baseball dispute" in a nutshell. I agree with him that an example should be taken from Club de Recreio's very sporting gesture.

Incidentally, I see that Mindanao have, since the controversy started, dropped a game. Under the circumstances it can be hardly expected that the baseball public will stomach any suggestion of a withdrawal of the H.B. resignation from the League now, so the obvious thing would be for that team to apply for permission to meet Mindanao in a charity game in aid of the Bomber Fund. After all the publicity they have had over this unpleasant incident, they should prove a wonderful drawing card.—Yours etc.,

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JAPAN AND INDO-CHINA

Reticence About Sumita's Flying Visit To Tokyo

JAPANESE LEAVING SOUTH AFRICA

According to the Japanese Legation in Pretoria about 30 Japanese business-men, accompanied by their wives and families, are sailing for Japan aboard the s.s. Manila Maru about July 26.—Reuter.

NEW SHIPPING COURSE

A NEW SHIPPING COURSE BETWEEN THE KURILE ISLANDS AND NEMURO, IN HOKKAIDO ISLAND, HAS BEEN DISCOVERED BY THE JAPANESE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS.

The new course is described as "highly significant" by informed commentators, as the Kurile Islands have become an important part of the Japanese national defence system with the advent of international tension following Germany's attack on Russia.

It is understood that the new course, the discovery of which was announced yesterday in Tokyo, will henceforth be followed by all ships to or from Kurile Islands.—Reuter.

TWO TYPHOONS

Two typhoons are reported from Manila. One is east of the Bashi Channel moving North. The other is near or over the Bonins, moving NNE or NE.

General Calls On Decoux

MEMBERS OF THE Japanese Economic Mission to Tongking were evasively reticent regarding the importance of General Sumita's recent flying visit to Tokyo.

It is "not known" whether General Sumita brought back any demands regarding the utilisation by the Japanese of naval and air bases in southern Indo-China, it was stated in Hanoi yesterday.

Colonel Saito, representative of the Mission in Saigon, is flying back to Hanoi to-day after a three-day visit for conferences with General Sumita.

The arrival of the Governor-General, brought no new developments yesterday but it is expected that His Excellency will see General Sumita as soon as possible.

The general comment in Hanoi notes the meeting of Admiral Darlan and the Japanese Ambassador in Vichy and expresses the opinion that the French capital is likely to be the centre of immediate developments.—Reuter.

Sumita Calls

MAJOR-GENERAL RAISHIRO SUMITA, HEAD OF THE JAPANESE MILITARY MISSION IN FRENCH INDO-CHINA, CALLED ON THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL, ADMIRAL DECOUX, YESTERDAY AFTERNOON, STATED A HANOI DESPATCH TO TOKYO LAST NIGHT.

The Japanese Domei News Agency stated that it is understood General Sumita "thanked Admiral Decoux for his recent action in conferring Annamite decorations on members of the Mission."—Reuter.

TEACHING AMERICAN HISTORY

Opening a course for teachers on the history of the United States at the Technical Institute for the Distributive Trade in London, the American Ambassador told 275 teachers from London and the Home Counties that he began life as a teacher in America of American history at a secondary school.

They began with Magna Carta and the Bill of Rights, said Mr. Winant, and when they studied literature they were really studying the literature of England.

They had common heritage, both in literature and in most that was the foundation of what he might describe as the rights of man.

Inaugurating the course, he said he hoped it would do much to enable them to understand his country because, in fundamental things, they worked from a common denominator and the things held dearest in England were held dearest in his country.

He believed that if they understood a little more of each other's government, even in these times of stress, they would be able to interpret to each other the problems that confronted them and cooperate and co-ordinate a common policy.

Mr. R. A. Butler, new President of the Board of Education, presided.

He said he did not think there was any more important venture they were undertaking in the world of education than that which they were now inaugurating.

He said it was quite well known how closely the ideals and aspirations of U.S.A. and Britain were linked. — British Wireless.

TURKISH REPLY TO RUMOURS

"THE STRAITS ARE TURKISH AND WILL REMAIN SO FOR EVER," SAID A SPEAKER ON ANKARA RADIO LAST NIGHT, QUOTING THE ANKARA "DAILY ULUL," SEMI-OFFICIAL PAPER, COMMENTING ON THE SPECIAL CELEBRATIONS YESTERDAY OF THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE RETURN TO TURKEY BY PEACEFUL NEGOTIATION OF SOVEREIGNTY OVER THE DARDANELLES.

The paper emphasised that at a time when rumours were being circulated in connection with the straits zone this aspect should be strongly borne in mind. — Reuter.

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STOP PRESS

An imminent German peace offensive was forecast by Winston Burdett, broadcasting from Ankara early this morning, due to the snag the Germans have struck on the Russian front. — Reuter.

MOSCOW RADIO STOPS

Suggesting a German air raid on Moscow, at 1.15 a.m. to-day, Moscow Radio went off the air whilst broadcasting its English programme. Later, transmission from the station was very bad and was scarcely intelligible. The Moscow communique on yesterday's operations has not yet been received in London.—Reuter.

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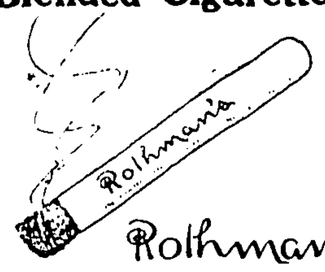

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PRES. ROOSEVELT'S WARNING

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LITTLE NEW WAR NEWS

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

Little additional news has come through concerning the operations on the Russian front.

The Germans claim that "a gigantic battle is shaping east of the Stalin Line," but concede that "formidable tasks have to be faced as Russian manpower and equipment seems endless."

The Russians indicate that fighting has slackened to the south, but that there have been renewed heavy attacks in the Pskov sector, covering Leningrad.

Nazi Lies

According to a Washington report, the evidence of American reports from officials abroad indicates that a check on German High Command communiques (which are generally lacking in specific claims) are generally completely accurate, but the DNB propaganda reports, though issued through official sources, are mostly highly coloured inaccuracies.

The American official reports encourage the view that the Russians are faithfully following their strategic policy of withdrawal when compelled leaving not a trace of supplies for the Germans, neither men nor machines.—International News Service.

"V" Sabotage In Europe

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

A big success is claimed for the "V" for Victory nerve war in Europe.

Underground activity has developed so extensively as the result of the single-lettered slogan that the Nazis, showing deep concern, are turning out their own "V for Victory" but too late.

In Paris alone, some 6,000 arrests have been made and sabotage activities are reported from all parts of Europe labelled with a "V."

The British radio is sending out a continuous stream of messages dealing with features of the campaign. — International News Service.

Full-Dress Peace Offensive To Be Expected

THE IMMINENCE OF A GERMAN PEACE OFFENSIVE AND THE ANXIETY CREATED BY FAILURE OF THE BLITZKRIEG ASSAULT ON RUSSIA WERE DISCUSSED BY WINSTON BURDETT, IN A BROADCAST EARLY THIS MORNING FROM ANKARA.

"While the German thrust into Russia seems to have slowed down for the second time in two weeks," he said, "there are increasing signs in this capital (Ankara) that German diplomats and propaganda experts are bringing up their guns for a full-dress offensive in the fairly near future.

"Here in Ankara," he said, "German quarters not only admit that the German campaign in the east has fallen behind schedule, but they confess to considerable nervousness over the unexpected snag that the German war machine has struck on the Russian front.

"Observers recently arrived from Berlin report that the Germans have begun an intensive propaganda drive throughout occupied and neutral Europe on the basis of their 'crusade' against Bolshevism.

"German spokesmen argue that if Britain means to continue the war she may get a Bolshevik Europe as a reward. The real war, says the Germans, is now in the east, and they add that Berlin is always ready to offer reasonable terms for peace.

Reverse Side

"According to reliable reports from Germany, this peace campaign is merely the reverse side of Berlin's sudden agitation over the costliness and the prospective dangers of the war on Russia.

The Germans' first step is to try and convince the neutrals that their salvation lies in an anti-Bolshevik crusade. Presumably their next step would be to try and convince Britain of the same thing.

The attitude of Turkey on this subject is more obscure, though

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JAPANESE MOVE EXPECTED

(By Reuter's Chief Correspondent In The Far East)

Although there has been a temporary lull in the excitement concerning Japan's actions, well-informed observers in Singapore expect something to materialise in Indo-China shortly.

It is now felt that the departure of Admiral Decoux, Indo-China's Governor-General, to Hanoi, seat of the Japanese Military Mission yesterday is the forerunner of some new development in Indo-China.

This belief seems to be borne out by the fact the Japanese Boundary Mission in Thailand think his visit is connected with the work of the Mission.

"The Indo-China bag will soon be opened and the cat—if there is a cat inside—will soon be out," one highly-placed observer commented cryptically to me yesterday. Developments are being watched keenly but calmly by the whole of the democratic front in the Far East.—Reuter.

CAN HITLER FLOG GERMAN ARMIES TO MOSCOW?

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

THE NEXT TWO WEEKS should provide clear indications of the course of the Russo-German war.

The issue is whether the German High Command can whip its army up to continue a sustained offensive much longer, or whether they are to become bogged down and inert after the strenuous month's campaign.

On the answer will depend vastly the length of the world war.

It is stressed by expert observers that the Russians have already struck a heavy blow at Hitler by presenting an obstacle that refused to crack under blitzkrieg assault tactics in the first week, and is still putting up a stiff front.

The question engaging attention is whether the Germans having got as far as Smolensk can raise the energy to go on to Moscow against stiffening opposition, and whether, if they fight through to Moscow, the Russian leadership will survive that grim trial.

An expert who has just arrived in Ankara from Moscow, a high ranking officer of a foreign power, is convinced that Germany lost the war the day she attacked Russia, but was unable to predict Russia's attitude if Moscow were to fall. — International News Service.

DECLARE WAR DEMAND

The view that the United States must at once declare war, was expressed by Mr. Samuel Grafton, in a forceful article in the "New York Post" yesterday.

"England can choose anything, while Hitler is a prisoner of his blitzkrieg and may prove its final victim," Mr. Grafton wrote.

"He must act hurriedly; we have lots of time. He has even taught us not to trust him, so that when peace is offered again, it will be turned down.

"The United States must declare war instantly."—Reuter.

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ROOSEVELT GIVES WARNING

Tells Congress That Army Must Be Kept Intact

National Danger Greater Than A Year Ago

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT YESTERDAY ASKED CONGRESS TO AUTHORISE THE EXTENSION OF THE ONE-YEAR PERIOD OF ACTIVE SERVICE IN THE ARMY FOR SELECTEE NATIONAL GUARDSMEN AND RESERVISTS, DECLARING THAT AMERICA WAS IN "INFINITELY GREATER" DANGER THAN A YEAR AGO.

Unless this extension was granted, the nation would be taking a grave national risk, said President Roosevelt, and disintegration of the army would be under way within two months. The responsibility for maintaining the efficiency of the army rests solely with the legislators.

President Roosevelt dramatised his request by trying an innovation — he transcribed his message on records so that his words might be broadcast.

The President emphasised that conditions had changed since the 12-month limitation was placed a year ago on the service of selectee guardsmen and reservists, and declared that "to-day it is imperative that I officially report to Congress what Congress undoubtedly knows: that the international situation is not less grave but far more grave than it was a year ago.

It is so grave, in my opinion, and in the opinion of all who are conversant with the facts, that the army should be maintained at effective strength and without diminution of its effective numbers in a complete state of readiness.

"Small as it is by comparison with other armies, it should not suffer any form of disorganisation or disintegration."

Grave Risk

President Roosevelt said, therefore, it would be taking a grave national risk unless Congress were to make possible the maintenance of the present full effective strength of the army during the coming year, and give training to as many additional Americans as possible.

It would be a "tragic error" to eliminate two-thirds of the trained soldiers and three-quarters of the officers and personnel.

The President said he was not asking Congress for specific language in a specific Bill, and said he hoped the legislators "will acknowledge this is a national emergency either for a specific period or until revocation by Congress or by the President."

Time Of Emergency

President Roosevelt said that the objective was an all-important issue. He was confident the men in the ranks realised better than the public the "disastrous effect" which would result from permitting the present Army to melt away and set back training and the expansion programme at least six months.

"I do not believe the danger to American safety is less than it was a year ago, when so far as the army was concerned the United States was in a woefully weak position. I do not believe the danger to our national safety is only about the same as it was a year ago. I do believe—I know—the danger to-day is infinitely greater. I do believe—I know—that in all truth we are in the midst of a national emergency."

Tragic Error

President Roosevelt pointed out that unless the service period was extended at the "beginning of this autumn about two-thirds of the United States army will begin demobilising."

Referring to national security, the President said that two steps were taken last year. Firstly, "the selective service act initiated annual military training as the prime duty of citizenship. Secondly, the organisation and training of field companies was begun. The objective was to have ready, at short notice, an organised and integrated personnel of over a million men."

After reference to the "tragic error" of eliminating two-thirds of trained soldiers and three-quarters of the officers and personnel, the President said "occasional individuals may with honest intent assert that the United States need fear no attack on its own territory or on other nations in this hemisphere by aggressors from without. Nevertheless, it is the well-known unanimous opinion of those who are daily cognisant, as military and naval officers, and government servants in the field of international relations, that the schemes and plans of the aggressor nations against American security are so evident that the United States and the rest of the Americas are definitely imperilled in their national interests.

A Time Schedule

"That is why, and only after careful weighing of all facts and all events, I recently proclaimed that an unlimited national emergency exists. It is not surprising that millions of patriotic Americans find it difficult in the pursuit of their daily occupations, and in the normal lives of their families, to give constant thought to the implications of the happenings many thousands of miles away.

That is why I must refer again to the sequence of conquests or attacks—all the way from the coup against Austria to the present campaign against Russia.

Every move up and down and across Europe and into Asia and Africa have been conducted according to a time schedule, utilising in every case an overwhelming superiority, not only in material but also in trained men.

Gaining Time

Each campaign has been based on the preliminary assurance of safety and non-aggression to the intended victim.

Each campaign has been based on disarming fear and gaining time until the German Government was fully ready to throw treaties and pacts to the winds, and simultaneously—launch attack in overwhelming force.

Each elimination of a victim brought the issue of Nazi domination closer to this hemisphere, while month by month their intrigues of propaganda and conspiracy sought to weaken every link in the community of interests that should bind the Americas into a great western family.

Cannot Speculate

"I do not think any branch of the United States Government would be willing to let America share the fate which destroyed the independence of other nations.

"We Americans cannot afford to speculate with the security of America. Furthermore, we have a definite responsibility to every country in the western hemisphere — to aid each and every one thereof against attack from without.

"I do not believe that any branch of government would desire to abrogate our Pan-American Pacts or discard the policy which we have maintained for nearly a century and a quarter. If we do not reverse this historic policy then it is our duty to maintain it.

Bad Faith

"To weaken our army at this particular time would in my judgment be an act of bad faith towards our neighbours."

President Roosevelt concluded as follows: "Time counts. Within two months, the disintegration, which would follow failure to take Congressional action will commence in the armies of the United States.

"Time counts. Responsibility rests solely with Congress." — Reuter.

CONGRESS WARMING UP

Immediately after President Roosevelt's message to Congress, the chairman of the House Military Committee, Congressman May, introduced two resolutions, to retain the army in service and to remove the limit on the number of selectees, but making no declaration of a state of emergency on behalf of Congress itself.

Simultaneously, Senator Thomas (Utah) in the Senate, introduced legislation in the Senate providing for the proclamation by Congress of a state of national emergency, but restricting the President's authority thereunder to the retaining of selectees and national guards in service.

Senator Johnson (California) declared his disagreement with the entire Message.

Senator Smith (South Carolina) demanded details of "What's threatening us, if anything?"

Senator Barkley, the Democratic leader, commented: "President Roosevelt speaks with knowledge of the world situation which he alone possesses." He predicted that Congress would respond "in the manner required by the interests of our country."—Reuter.

When he recently paid a visit to an armament establishment Mr. Churchill tried his hand with an automatic gun. He fired a number of rounds at targets some distance away and fairly peppered them. The Secretary of State for War (Captain Margesson) was an interested spectator.

"LADY SOMERS" SUBMARINE DRAMA: SPANISH GALLANTRY

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent)

THE GALLANTRY OF THE CREW OF A SPANISH SHIP IN REMAINING FOR TWO HOURS IN A SUBMARINE DANGER AREA IN ORDER TO RESCUE THE CREW OF THE BRITISH AUXILIARY VESSEL, "LADY SOMERS," WAS REVEALED BY MEMBERS OF THE CREW WHEN THEY ARRIVED IN GIBRALTAR.

They state that the "Lady Somers" was attacked at 2 a.m. by two submarines which fired torpedoes almost simultaneously. One submarine hit her astern and then came to the surface, but crash-dived when the ship opened fire. Five minutes later the second submarine came to the surface, and the "Lady Somers" fired at this submarine which rose up and then disappeared vertically.

As their ship was settling down, the crew of the "Lady Somers" took to the boats, except the captain and the crew of one gun which continued firing at intervals to scare off the submarines.

"Five hours later, a second torpedo struck the 'Lady Somers,' causing a terrific explosion, but those on board were saved with the rest of the crew.

They were all picked up by the Spanish steamer, "Campeche," and a survivor declared "the Spaniards were not able to do enough for us. They gave up their cabins for the four days we were aboard and shared everything they had. It is impossible to speak too highly of them."

The "Lady Somers" was a 6,194-ton vessel. She was formerly a passenger liner, belonging to the Canadian National Steamships.—Reuter.

16-YEAR-OLD GIRL DROWNED

A 16-year-old girl was drowned in the "Little West Lake" above Kowloon Tong, yesterday. She was one of a party of 28 girl students, who were picnicking in the neighbourhood.

NOTHING DOING

Once again, the official communique dealing with daylight air activity over Britain states: "There is nothing to report."—British Wireless.

Hitler Far Behind Schedule In The Invasion Of Russia

"VICTORIES" TO HIS OWN PERDITION

"THE GERMANS, despite their claims that the Red Army and air force have been annihilated, have already long passed their assigned dates for their entry into Kiev, Leningrad and Moscow," declared M. Lozovsky, Vice-Commissar for Foreign Affairs at a press conference last night.

The real explanation was provided by the Order of Major-General Nehring, commanding the 18th German Tank Division, said M. Lozovsky.

This Order was found inside a captured tank and it says: "It is obvious that our losses in equipment, arms and machines and despite a successful advance, have greatly exceeded captured trophies. Continuation of this situation is intolerable in the long run for we shall go on winning victories to our own perdition."

M. Lozovsky recalled that this morning (Tuesday) would complete the first calendar month of the German "blitzkrieg" against Russia.

"This war will go on for many months and we can discuss the results of the first month in one of our next press conferences."

M. Lozovsky dwelt on the differences between the Nazis and their so-called Allies, stressing the cross-currents of hatred and covetousness which existed between the German, Rumanian, Hungarian and Slovak camps.

All of them, he said, were full of internal squabbling, compared with the democratic nations, who were fighting unanimously without wanting to take anything from each other.

Air Raid Tactics

Asked whether Moscow would follow London's example of maintaining the city's normal traffic during air raids alerts, M. Lozovsky said that Moscow was likely to adhere to the present system of clearing the streets of people.

Among the purposes of the high discipline maintained in Moscow during the alerts was the desire to reduce casualties to a minimum.

Work in factories, however, continued until the imminent danger signal was given. A warning was sounded in Moscow, he said, as soon as it was observed at the front that a number of 'planes was flying in the direction of the capital. The nearest the German 'planes had got to Moscow was over 100 miles distant.

Some of the recent warnings, he disclosed, had merely been tests. M. Lozovsky doubted whether the Germans would attempt any raid on Moscow. — Reuter.

HONGKONG BOMBER SQUADRON

Telegrams have been received from the Secretary of State for the Colonies and from Lt.-Colonel Moore-Brabazon, the Minister for Aircraft Production, thanking Hong Kong for the generous flow of contributions to the "Morning Post" Bomber Fund. Lt.-Colonel Moore-Brabazon says:

"Acknowledge with grateful thanks further sum of £15,000. This magnificent gift is being added to the sums already received and being devoted to bomber squadron. I look forward with pride to the day when this squadron will go into service to bear witness to the generosity of the outpost of Empire whose name it will bear."

SORTIES FROM TOBRUK

Mechanised Indian cavalrymen who gallantly fought their way out from Mechili during the German advance are now "getting their own back" on the Axis forces watching Tobruk.

A number of these men were included in the patrols which on Saturday night carried out another series of successful lightning raids on enemy strong points — this time eastward, along the coast between Bardia Road and the sea, and south-west of Palestrino to the west of the El Adim Road.

"The process of putting the wind up the Italians continues satisfactorily," was the only comment in military circles on the Tobruk garrison's fifth series of raids in nine days which resulted in the capture of a fair number of prisoners and much valuable information.

For the first time on Saturday the Italians attempted a counter-action, but the Indians dealt swiftly and successfully with superior enemy numbers who withdrew in disorder in the face of a bayonet attack.

Every British raid is estimated to have cost the enemy between 30 and 40 casualties. — Reuter.

WINNING THE PEACE

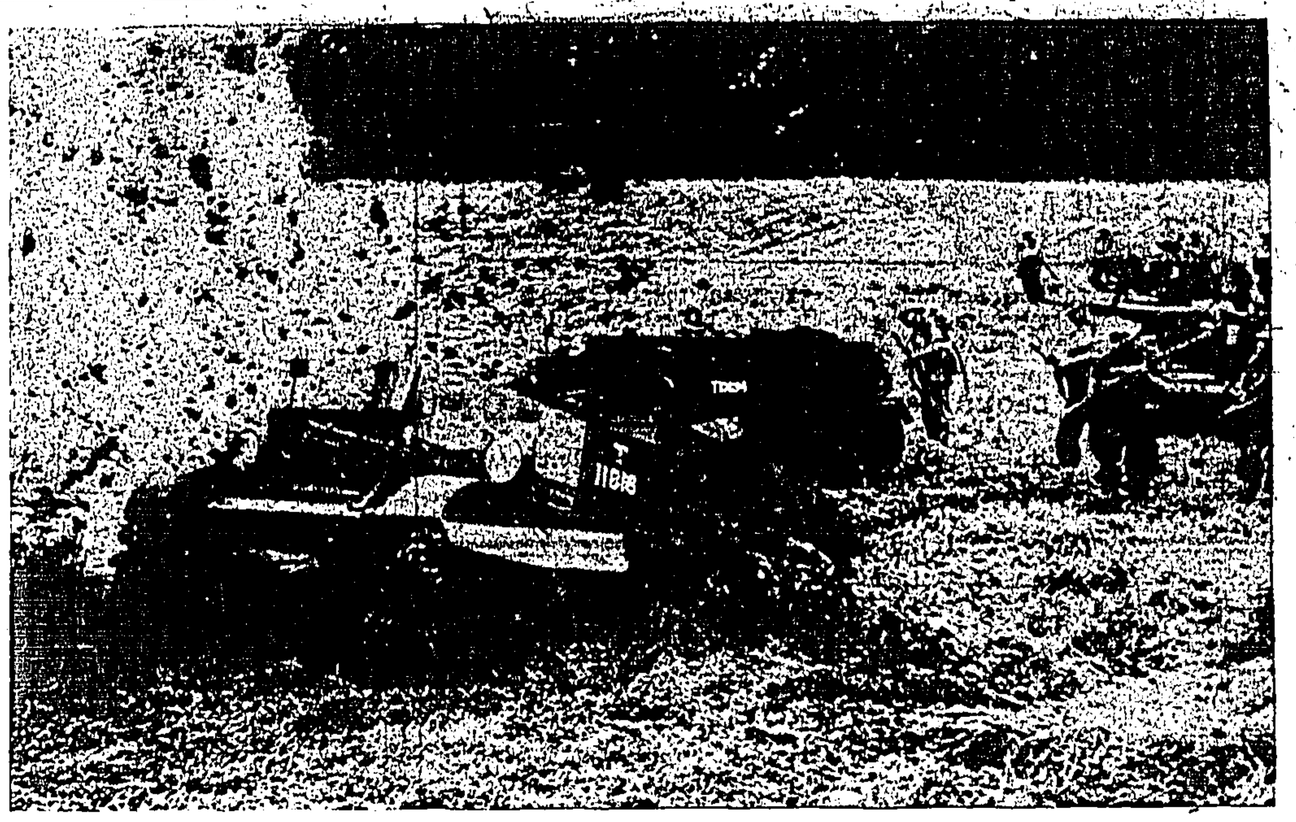
"Germany must not be in a position and flay and to torture Europe once every thirty years," declared Mr. Anthony Eden, the Foreign Minister, in a broadcast to the Belgian people on Belgium's National Day of Independence yesterday.

Mr. Eden declared: Twice within 30 years Belgium had had to endure the ordeal of invasion.

This time also, the final result would be the same.

"But this time," he went on, "we will not lose the peace. We will build a better."

Mr. Eden mentioned that the Belgian Army in Great Britain was rapidly gathering its strength and awaiting the day when it could assist the whole of the Allied armies in the war of liberation. — Reuter.



A general intensive training of units of the Army in Northern Ireland is being undertaken to fit them for offensive operations in the event of invasion. Special tanks have been devised and particular attention is being paid to toughening the fibre of the men. Photo shows a Battalion of the Royal Berks Regiment in strenuous training. Here are Bren Gun carriers crossing a minefield during an attack. (Copyright, Fox).

CLASH OF CHINESE ARMIES

The question of Communist troops clashing with Central Government forces is continuing to occupy the attention of Chinese circles in Chungking.

The Chinese Press unanimously stress the importance of national unity and the maintenance of military discipline.

A public appeal to the 18th Group Army (Chinese Communist Army) was made yesterday in the influential Chinese daily, the "Ta Kung Pao," which declared: "Although the Communist Party has an international character, it must be remembered in view of the latest international developments that national and international interests are practically identical.

Whether for support of Soviet Russia or for protection of the Fatherland, the Chinese Communists should cooperate with the Central Government."—Reuter.

M.B.E. FOR PRISONER OF WAR

Lt. J. M. Langley, Coldstream Guards, son of Mr. F. O. Langley, the Old Street police court magistrate, has been appointed a member of the Order of the British Empire in recognition of distinguished services in the field, it was announced in the London Gazette.

Lt. Langley, who is a prisoner of war and has had his left arm amputated at the shoulder, won the M.C. for gallantry and courage under fire in the final rearguard actions at Dunkirk. He was wounded by a shell and fell into German hands.

Capt. G. B. Hartford, R.N., has been awarded the bar to the D.S.O. for leadership, endurance and devotion to duty.

The Albert Medal has been awarded to Acting Second Hand J. H. Mitchell, R.N.R., who by gripping a rope with his teeth while supporting two drowning men saved his own life and the lives of the two men.

The George Medal has been awarded to Volunteer W. T. Whitlock, a Home Guard, who was severely injured when a building where he was on duty received two direct hits from high-explosive bombs. At great personal risk and in a state of almost complete collapse he rescued his section leader from beneath the debris.

GERMANY NOW PLANNING NEW AGGRESSIONS

GERMANY IS EVEN now planning new steps of aggression against the remaining independent states of Europe.

The United States has received information of this, stated the Under-Secretary of State, Mr. Sumner Welles, at a Press Conference in Washington yesterday, but he did not go into details.

Mr. Welles disclosed that the United States had promised full support to Bolivia in the event of an international incident arising from an alleged attempted Nazi coup in Bolivia and the expulsion order against the German Minister.

Mr. Welles said that in assuring Bolivia of support, he pointed out that under the existing inter-American agreements, the German Minister to Bolivia would be non personal grata with the United States.

Mr. Welles also referred to General Franco's sharp attack on the United States a week ago, when General Franco said that American offers of economic help to Spain always involved attempts to force Spain to obey the will of other nations.

Mr. Welles said that this was entirely untrue and that the supplies of food and medicine that had been sent to Spain were not contingent upon any policy of the Spanish Government other than that the Spanish people should remain at peace.

Also answering General Franco's reference to the consequences of a Nazi victory upon other American republics, Mr. Sumner Welles said that the whole prosperity of the American nations had been founded upon the control of the Atlantic and other seas by friendly powers and that if that control passed to unfriendly Powers, their independence would be gravely endangered.—Reuter.

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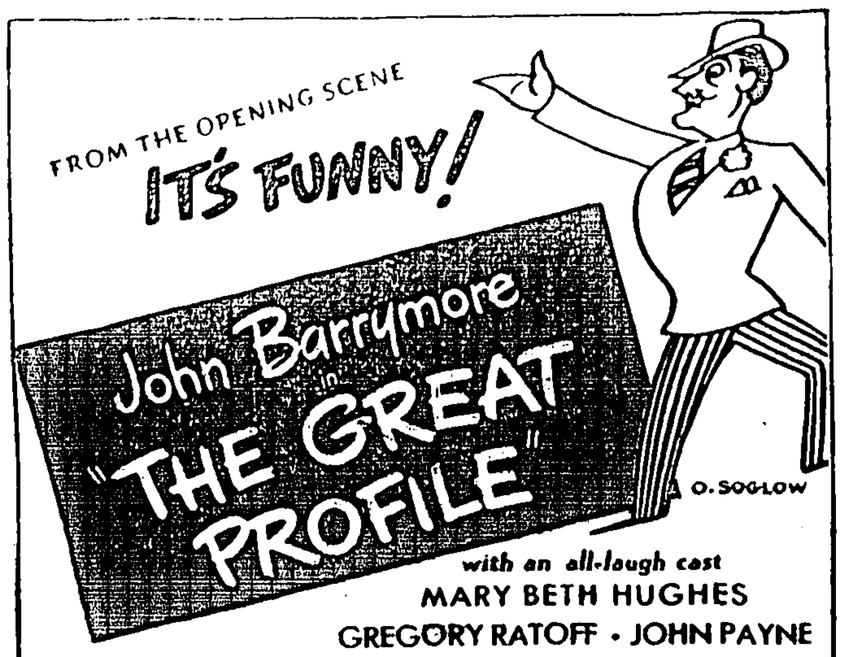

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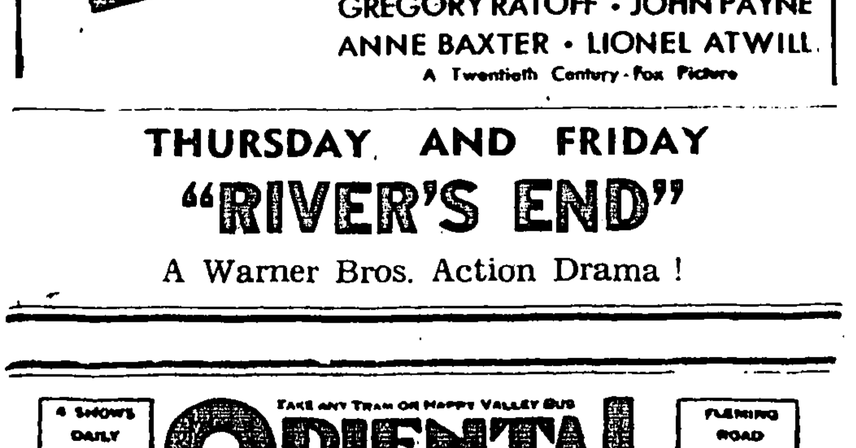

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Miss Jaqueline Cochrane, who recently flew a Lockheed Hudson Bomber from America to England and was the first woman pilot to do so, later took a stroll in London to see the sights. Photo shows Miss Cochrane strolling through the Embankment Gardens, unknown to City workers enjoying their lunch hour rest.

HITLER ASKS ITALY AND RUMANIA FOR MORE MEN

HITLER HAS ASKED BOTH ITALY AND RUMANIA FOR MORE TROOPS FOR USE IN RUSSIA, AND THEY ON THEIR PART HAVE BOTH ASKED FOR A DEFINITION OF HITLER'S OBJECTIVES ON THAT FRONT, SAYS THE LONDON FREE FRENCH AGENCY, QUOTING THEIR CORRESPONDENT ON THE FRENCH FRONTIER.

Hitler is said to have replied that his objectives are strictly limited and that as soon as these were obtained his advance would cease. In any case, the message adds, "German armies will meet beyond the Volga."

Because the army of occupation required for those parts of Russia already overrun is very much greater than Berlin had expected, Italy is being asked to supply a veritable expeditionary corps amounting to about 10 divisions.

The Rumanians, it is reported, are being tempted to supply more men and materials with the offer of Odessa as the "bait"—although the Nazis are nowhere near this city, but General Antonescu is reported to have turned this down because he will be quite satisfied if he can get Bessarabia again.—Reuter.

GERMAN FORTS IN SPAIN

According to reports from Havana, the Germans have built a string of fortresses, fortified points, and airfields along the Spanish coast, on the Bay of Biscay, in the province of Galicia, and have virtually assumed complete control of that province.

The source quoted for this statment is a personality close to leading Spanish Falangist circles.

This informant declared that the impression was prevalent in Falangist circles that the Germans would move into the peninsula not later than the beginning of next month. Their plans provided for the occupation of Portugal.

He added that the Nazis have constructed a very large airport at Lugo, Galicia, which covers a greater area than the city itself. It is situated only about 50 miles from the coast.

The Nazis, it is asserted, have also virtually taken over the Galician ports of Vigo and Corunna, and are using them as submarine refuelling bases.

The Nazis, this informant declared, are constructing a strategic railway line from Seville in the direction of Gibraltar, using rails and other supplies purchased by the Republican Government before the civil war for a badly needed railway between Corunna and Santiago de Compostella.

MOTORIST SHOT BY HOME GUARD

A VERDICT OF JUSTIFIABLE HOMICIDE WAS RECORDED AT AN INQUEST AT KINGSTON-ON-THAMES ON A MOTORIST WHO WAS FATALLY SHOT BY A HOME GUARD.

The victim was Leslie Charles Hull Hyde, aged 39, a clerk, of St. Peter's Road, Twickenham, who was shot when driving a car at Esher.

The coroner, Dr. Baron, said it was the duty of the Home Guard to fire on motorists who did not stop after being warned. If they did not do so patrols would be useless.

Hyde, it was alleged, passed two red lamps, one of which was being swung in the roadway by a Home Guard to warn motorists to stop.

Home Guard Tickner said he shouted "Halt!" and fired when the car was 40 to 50 yards beyond the lamps, but he denied firing wildly, and aimed at a back tyre.

A police sergeant said the bullet entered the car near the roof, and Hyde was shot in the head.

Mr. E. V. Birkholm, a passenger in the car, said he advised Hyde to stop when he saw the red lamps. Although Hyde replied, "I don't think it concerns us," the witness believed he was pulling up as the shot was fired.

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SABOTAGE IN FRANCE

DESPITE REPRESSION BY THE GERMAN MILITARY AUTHORITIES. THE DERAILMENT OF MILITARY TRAINS, THE BLOWING UP OF MILITARY STORES AND THE DISAPPEARANCE OF MANY GERMAN OFFICERS, ARE FREQUENT OCCURRENCES IN OCCUPIED FRANCE," STATES MOSCOW RADIO.

The authorities try in vain to discover the perpetrators and the Paris Police Chief has now offered a reward of 20,000 francs to anybody who will hand over to the military authorities, those responsible for the recent disaster to an Army train which resulted in the death of many German officers and men. — Reuter.

UNDER COVER OF DARKNESS

Mr. H. A. Waller, of No. 20, Ice House Street, has informed the Police that his residence was entered during the "black-out" last night, and an electric fan, an electric iron and other articles stolen

At the Criminal Sessions this morning, before the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, Lee Wing, aged 39, an unemployed gardener, pleaded not guilty to a charge of malicious wounding of Pun Pui, employed at the Peak Club, on May 4.

Mr. M. J. Abbott, crown-counsel, assisted by Inspector O'Donovan, was for the prosecution while accused was not legally represented.

The jury was composed of Messrs. E. S. Abraham, U Tat-chee, D. E. M. Demmee, Chau Iu-nim, D. C. S. Alves, Li Siu-wing and Kwok Wai-chee.

Mr. Abbott said that certain events occurred on May 4, first at the Peak Club and later at Aberdeen Road. At 2.30 a.m., Pun Pui and Sun Mei, employed at the Peak Club, were on the verandah. Pun Pui was asleep and the other man was keeping watch. The position commanded a good view of the garden and grounds. There had recently been an epidemic of flower stealing. Sun Mei saw a man cutting flowers and awakened Pun Pui who ran down the steps to the garden. The man saw Pun Pui and dashed away, followed, across the road and over the bridge. From there the thief ran along a spur to old Aberdeen Road. Pun Pui continued the chase and when near No. 253, The Peak, the thief dashed into some undergrowth. Pun Pui caught him round the neck and a struggle ensued. The thief bit Pun Pui on the index finger and this was too much for him. He struck him on the head and body with a torch he was carrying. In the struggle, the two men rolled some six of seven yards and the struggle ended with the thief on Pun Pui. The thief then stabbed Pun Pui on the neck — body and face. The assailant made good his escape.

Mr. Murphy said he had referred to the man as the thief as Pun Pui was not able to identify the man but he would produce evidence that the man was defendant.

Police Enquiries

A police constable, who was on duty, saw the two men and followed them. He found Pun Pui injured. He communicated with Gough Hill Police Station and Sgt. Willerton came on the scene. Pun Pui was sent to Queen Mary Hospital, where he was found to have several wounds, the one on the chest being most dangerous.

The index finger later turned septic and had to be amputated.

Inspector Kellet went to the scene with the constable and found a knife, a torch, a hat and a pair of shoes. Next morning Inspector O'Donovan assisted in the investigation and found a trail of blood from No. 253, The Peak, which led to No. 153, The Peak, servant quarters. In the yard he found a pool of blood. He took a sample with his handkerchief and sent this with the knife to be analysed. Human blood was found on both articles.

Movements Traced

Accused's movements were then traced and it was found that he had visited No. 153, The Peak at 6 a.m. that morning, had told a friend he had a fight and asked that friend to wash some clothing for him.

It was established that the night before defendant was wearing a hat and a pair of shoes.

Accused was arrested in Wanchai on May 7. He was sent to Queen Mary Hospital. He had several small cuts and scratches and a septic wound on the finger which had bled. It might have been the blood from this wound which caused the trail.

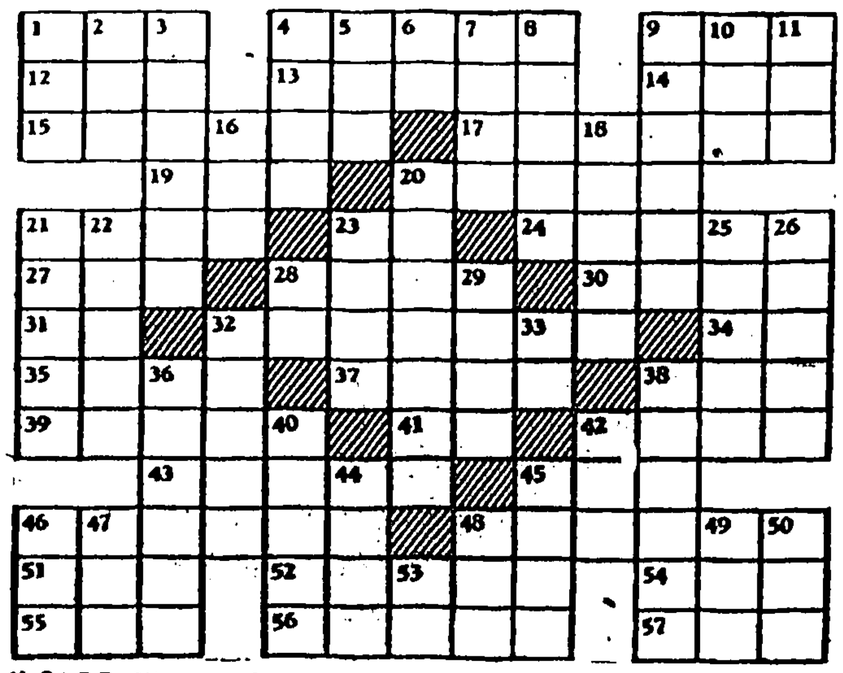
When charged, accused said that Pun Pui chased him and hit him on the eye with a torch and gave him several blows on the chest. Pun Pui had used a knife and he also took a knife and struck at random.

The case is proceeding.

CASE DROPPED BY POLICE

At the request of Traffic Sub-Inspector A. R. Brittain, who stated that a soldier, who might have been the accused, had come to the Traffic Department applying for transfer of the licence, Mr. H. C. Macnamara at Kowloon this morning dismissed a summons against Cpl. L. Smith, of the Middlesex Regiment, for failing to notify the Police within 48 hours of acquiring a motor cycle.

OUR 10-MINUTE CROSS-WORD



HORIZONTAL
1 Boring tool
4 Unskilful
9 Feline
12 French coin
13 Titles
14 To be obliged to
15 Hostility
17 Silly smile
19 To low
20 To soak
21 Congenial
23 By
24 Requirements
27 Not strict
28 Russian mountain system
30 To jog
31 Conjunction
32 Type
34 Brother of Odin
35 Bearing
37 Card game
38 Pronoun
39 Ancient chariot
41 Teutonic deity
42 To penetrate
43 Peeled
45 English slang: tavern
46 Impaled
48 To handle awkwardly
51 Cravat
52 Snake
54 Meadow
55 Conjunction
56 Indian corn
57 Poetic: always

VERTICAL
1 Peer Gynt's mother
2 Triumphed
3 Clumsy person
4 Preposition
5 Negative vote
6 Printer's measure
7 Nuisance
8 Chinese money
9 Ductile metal
10 Fear
11 Music: three
16 Electrified particle
18 Encounters
20 Piled up
21 To accuse
22 Fertile spot
23 Greek deity
25 English seaport
26 Cubic metre
28 Above
29 Prevaricator
32 Cowardly person
33 Latin conjunction
36 Saw
38 To limp
40 Vision
42 Sticky substance
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50 Hearing organ
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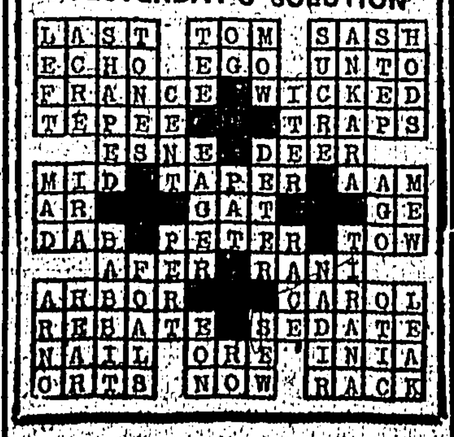

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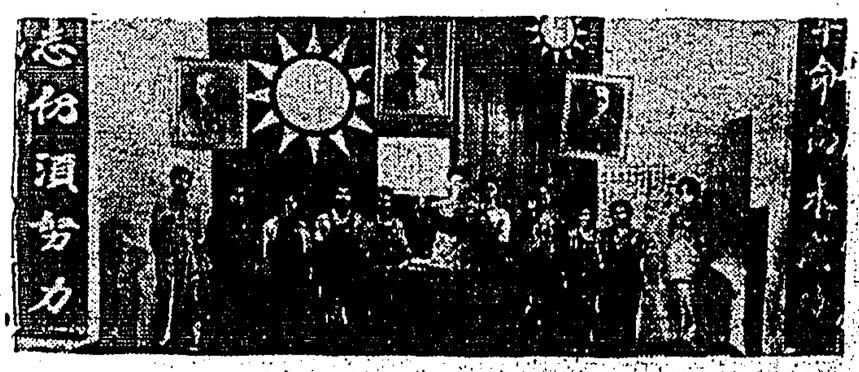

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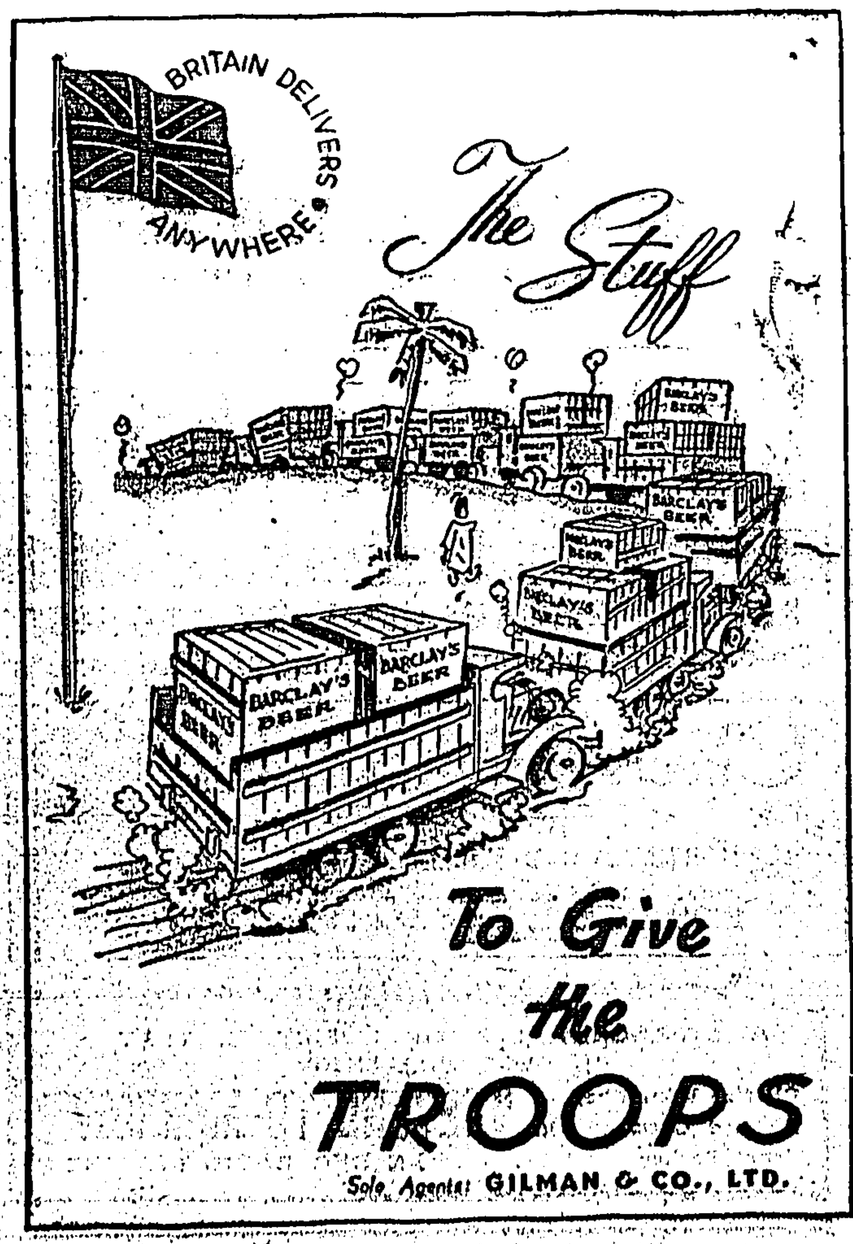

PREMIER STUDYING SUPPLY COMPLAINTS

(By Reuter's Parliamentary Correspondent)

PARLIAMENTARY OPINION WILL CALL FOR A BOLD DECISION ON COMPREHENSIVE AND PROGRESSIVE LINES WHEN THE DEBATE ON PRODUCTION IS RESUMED SHORTLY.

The main demand in the earlier debate, and since reiterated in the newspapers, was that there should be a Minister charged with the special duty of supervising production as a whole instead of leaving it as at present under several ministers.

Without such an appointment, it is argued, a comprehensive production policy to mobilise industry and labour fully cannot be put into force.

It is generally agreed that the man to take this complex and thankless post is difficult to find. Hence suggestions of some middle course, involving several prominent men. A decision is expected from the Prime Minister when the debate is resumed.

Reports Called For

There is reason to believe that the Prime Minister is examining the reports of the Supply Departments on the criticisms levelled against them by members of all parties in the recent two-day debate on production.

He is also investigating the wider criticisms that were made on Government's production policy.

On the assumption that Mr. Churchill intends to deal separately and comprehensively with the production issue, parliamentary opinion remains unruffled by the new appointments announced yesterday.

New Ministers

The two points on which there is most agreement are that the change at the Ministry of Information was desirable and that Mr. R. A. Butler well deserves his promotion from Under-Secretary at the Foreign Office to full Ministerial rank at the Board of Education.

Much interest is attached to the mannor in which Mr. Brendan Bracken will discharge his duties as Minister of Information.

An unstinted flow of information is not usually associated with parliamentary private secretaries to the Prime Minister, but those who have expressed some apprehensions on that point look to Mr. Bracken's close association with newspaperdom to redress the balance. — Reuter.

COLOGNE RAID BLAZE

A brilliant fire, at least a mile long, among the factories on the outskirts of Cologne, was one result of the R.A.F.'s attack on the Rhineland on Sunday night.

The Air Ministry, giving details of the raid, adds that elsewhere ten other fires were burning simultaneously.

The pilots saw high explosive bombs bursting in the midst of large industrial buildings already burning fiercely.

At Rotterdam, there was a formidable fire among the docks.

Its glow was seen from 100 miles on the way back.

A pillar of smoke rose to 6,000 feet from a large part of the docks, while the flames lit up the warehouses which were in front of the smoke.

At Aachen, bombs were seen to burst among factory buildings.

After these successful attacks, the whole of the large bombing force came safely home, though the Germans put up a strong barrage and night fighters were about. —Reuter.

TEACHING AMERICAN HISTORY

Opening a course for teachers on the history of the United States at the Technical Institute for the Distributive Trade in London, the American Ambassador told 275 teachers from London and the Home Counties that he began life as a teacher in America of American history at a secondary school.

They began with Magna Carta and the Bill of Rights, said Mr. Winant, and when they studied literature they were really studying the literature of England.

They had common heritage, both in literature and in most that was the foundation of what he might describe as the rights of man.

Inaugurating the course, he said he hoped it would do much to enable them to understand his country because, in fundamental things, they worked from a common denominator and the things held dearest in England were held dearest in his country.

He believed that if they understood a little more of each other's government, even in these times of stress, they would be able to interpret to each other the problems that confronted them and cooperate and co-ordinate a common policy.

Mr. R. A. Butler, new President of the Board of Education, presided.

He said he did not think there was any more important venture they were undertaking in the world of education than that which they were now inaugurating.

He said it was quite well known how closely the ideals and aspirations of U.S.A. and Britain were linked. — British Wireless.

BOLIVIA'S MOVE AGAINST NAZIS APPLAUDED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

THE SWIFT ACTION taken by the Government of Bolivia to crush plans for a Nazi putsch is warmly applauded in Washington, where it is pointed out the German agents have been working intensively for months in South America in efforts to disrupt pan-American solidarity.

General Candia, the Minister of Defence, carried out sharp action at Cochamba, centre of the plot, and his investigations were responsible for the order ousting the German Minister.

Additional arrests are expected though the Government has announced that the plot to overthrow the government has been completely smashed. Bolivia is still under a state of siege, but the authorities insist that the last vestiges of the plot have been stamped out and that the country is now perfectly peaceful.

Further unfolding of the plot is expected to involve several prominent Bolivians, some of whom have been identified in the past with the stormy history of Bolivian Government in recent years.

Mass Of Evidence

A mass of evidence against Herr Wendler, the German Minister, is expected to be published in a few days. Wendler went to police headquarters and demanded to see the government evidence proving his participation in the plot. The officer in charge said that he had no authority and the Minister left.

The Government later asked the Legation when Herr Wendler proposed to comply with the official request that he leave the country.

The Legation replied: "He is waiting for orders from Berlin."

Berlin Comment

In Berlin, the unofficial comment was that the whole affair was "fantastic and ridiculous," with a hint that there would almost certainly be German retaliation.

Semi-official quarters in La Paz, Bolivia, continue to associate the name of Victor Estensoric with the plot, declaring that outwardly the Finance Minister headed the movement as the figurehead for the Germans, though he was not intended to play an important role in the new regime.—International News Service.

HIGHWAY BILL

The House of Representatives has passed the US$287,000,000. Defence Highway Bill, which has been sent to the Senate for consideration of amendments. — Reuter.

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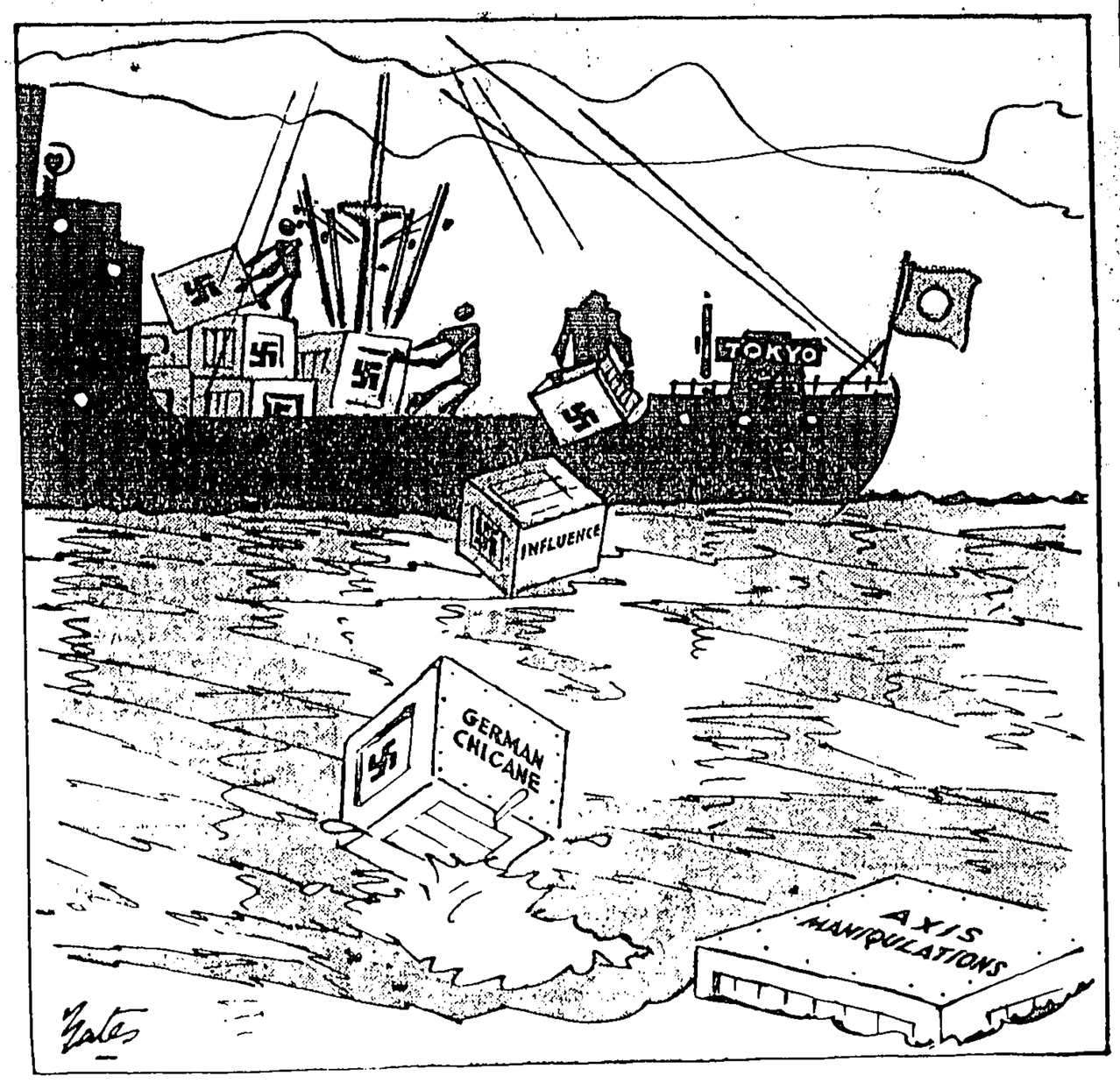
THE DOMINIONS

The Prime Minister is probably right in declining to put the consultation between Britain and the Dominions on too formal a footing. The creation of a standing Imperial War Cabinet is full of difficulty. It would have to contain representatives of all the Dominions, of India, and of the Colonial Empire. It would, sitting with the present War Cabinet, be a large body. The executive character of a War Cabinet would be lost. Moreover, each Dominion would need to detach an extremely important member of its Government to attend, and that, with the political balance as it is in in one or two cases, would not be easy. At a later stage of the war, perhaps, we can usefully have, as we had in 1917, an Imperial War Conference, with the Dominion Prime Ministers sitting in with the War Cabinet. But for the present there is everything to be said for the visit of the Dominion Premiers in rotation, each to be during his visit a member of the War Cabinet. Mr Menzies's presence in London proved of enormous value and timeliness. He has now been followed by Mr. Fraser, from New Zealand, and we may hope that later Mr. Mackenzie King and General Smuts will be able to visit Britain. And, as in 1917, there should be also recognition of India, this time as a full partner. But it should be through a prominent Indian, not through the Secretary of State or an Anglo-Indian. If only to secure this formal association the immediate grant of greater authority to Indians at the centre would be worth while.

LIFE IN ALSACE-LORRAINE

It might have been expected that the Nazis, anxious for French collaboration, would have tempered the rigours of their system to the habits and sentiments of the people of Alsace-Lorraine. The vivid account of the provinces given by a correspondent in the pages of "France" shows that the Nazis have preferred the shock tactics and the persecuting measures that are more natural to their genius. French may not be used in the schools, talking French is an offence, papers are posted on the walls expressing hatred of France, there are no French books, German names replace French everywhere. These methods are common form, in some degree, when a Government tries to force a foreign culture into its own system. But the Nazis, armed with the Gestapo and its finished technique, add their own special cruelties. One of them is specially interesting in view of the Vichy programme. The Vichy Government speaks of the strengthening of family discipline and loyalty as one of its chief objects. The Nazis, of course, want to subordinate the family to their system; and in Alsace-Lorraine as in Germany they train children to spy on their parents. In his recent book Sir Bernard Pares says that the Bolsheviks, who used this method of terrorism in early days, have renounced it. Children in Russia are now taught in the schools to respect their parents and elders. Marshal Petain has thus closer affinities with the Bolsheviks, whom he dreads, than with the Nazis, with whom he hopes to collaborate.



LIGHTENING THE BURDEN.

The Bread Penny

By Elizabeth Kyle

"AND as for cheese, which is so nutritious," said Emma Van Klampen, rising to go, "that is not to be obtained even for gold."

"There is not much that cannot be obtained for gold," answered Anna, adding thoughtfully, as she went to the door with her visitor, "I wonder now . . ."

She closed the hall door and went quickly towards the small slip of a bedroom behind the sitting-room. Jan lay propped up on pillows, looking far smaller, under the bedclothes, than his thirteen years. The illness had done that, and then the lack of nourishing food. If he had not had the illness he might have done as well as other boys on the rations the Germans allowed. But now, without the butter and eggs and so on which their doctor hardly liked even to mention as a necessity unless he should seem to be mocking. . . .

"Are you hungry, dear?" she asked, looking down on her little brother.

"No," he said listlessly. That frightened her. That was bad. But she remembered her sudden thought while speaking with Emma and, saying. "What a pity! Because we were going to have something nice for supper," lifted the heavy velvet curtains dividing the room from the other beyond and began to thread her way between cumbrous, handsome pieces of rosewood furniture towards the old glass-fronted corner-cupboard. Everything in the room was old, heavy, and handsome and had been in their family a long time. But all the antique shops in the Hague were stuffed full of such objects, which no one was buying. What use was money to-day unless it bought food?

She found the key of the corner-cupboard and unlocked it. Her fingers strayed among dozens of tiny objects; little handleless blue-and-white teacups as fine and transparent as paper; a silver filigree coach; a bunch of seals that had belonged to her grandfather; and presently her heart began to thump with agitation for what she sought was not here. One faint hope remained. Quickly she stepped into the other room again, letting fall the dark curtains behind her, and said as calmly as possible: "What have you done with the bread penny, you bad boy? Did you take it out of the cupboard one day when I wasn't looking?"

"The bread penny? . . . Oh yes, I remember. Don't be angry, Anna, but I took it to school before I was ill, to show to a boy who had never seen one. Fancy! His family hadn't got any."

"Where is it now?" She spoke faintly, trying to still her agitation.

"It's in my pencil-case, I think."

She found his pencil-case and rummaged in it until among india-rubbers and old stamps and pencil stubs, she found what she was looking for. It was not a penny at all but a button; a round tortoise-shell button such as old-fashioned Dutch gentlemen wore on their surtouts a hundred years ago and more. As she stood grasping it tightly Jan asked. "What do you want with it, Anna? Everyone else knows what a bread button looks like."

Remembering how he said he wasn't hungry, she decided not to tell him, but said instead, "I've got to go out for a little. Try not to be impatient till I come back."

She ran upstairs and began to put on her things quickly. It was dusk already and the black-out made it dangerous for people to be wandering near the canals later than this. She brushed her empty jewel case aside impatiently, looking for her gloves. Her mother's pearls, her father's massive signet-ring had long been sold—though not for money. A few minutes later she had left the house and was boarding a tram bound for the workmen's district round about the Wilhelms Canal.

The water in the canal, which by daylight looked like dark green satin, melted now into the dusk, so that one hardly perceived the small houses and shops bordering it. A row of barges lay moored under the bridge, and a little girl, muffled up to her eyebrows, sang a low song to the clothes-pin in her arms which she pretended was a doll.

Anna paused at a doorway with the name "Henryk Pieters, Antiques," above it. The little window at the side showed nothing but a fly-blown Rembrandtesque painting and a cracked blue Delft plate. As she passed it a hand half drew a black-out curtain across the window, then paused as though someone was watching her. She knocked, and an old man opened the door and motioned her inside. But when he saw properly who it was he shook his head saying. "It's no good. I don't want your silver candlesticks, nor your escritoire either. Who do you think would buy them? Not the Germans; they do their shopping in the smart district."

"They tell me you always buy gold," she said, laying the bread penny on the table.

"Ah, that's something different!" But he looked at her suddenly, suspiciously. "How do I know it's intact?" And he began with a sharp penknife apparently to split the button. The top half came up neatly from the under, and there in his palm was a silver coin with a grooved edge. The slit in the grooving was almost invisible, but again his knife found it, and with a sharp spurt and tinkle the two pieces flew apart, leaving a thin gold coin in his palm. So, during the Napoleonic Wars, did far-seeing Dutchmen adorn their garments in case of the worst.

"I can give you for this," said Henryk Pieters, "a fine Alkmaar cheese. Have you no more bread pennies?"

"The set was broken up in my grandfather's day and divided amongst his family," she said, adding firmly, "One cheese is not enough. I want some eggs for an invalid."

"Eggs are gold," he grumbled. "Yes, and prison too. My heart was in my mouth, transferring them from my brother's barge last night, lest one should drop and tell the tale to the first German policeman who passed." But he disappeared a moment, then brought her a round red cheese and three eggs, all hidden in a little basket with a few sticks of charcoal on top.

When she stepped out on to the quay it was dark and no one was about. Even the little girl had disappeared down into the warm depths of her father's barge. Yet Anna, hurrying along it, heard imaginary footsteps all the way behind her, and wished, fearfully, that she too were a little girl again, so that she could clasp the basket to her breast and sing over it, croon over it, make people think that she only carried a doll.

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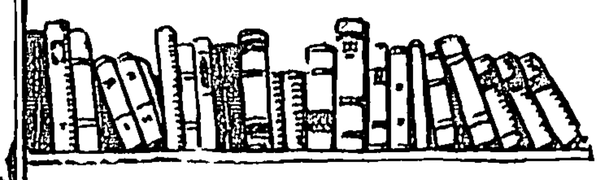

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In one sector alone, says the High Command, a big force of Nazi motorised troops was annihilated while Nazi heavy artillery sufficient to equip two full divisions was destroyed.

Russian guerilla units behind the German lines continued to inflict heavy losses.

In the battle zones covering the approaches to Leningrad, declares the High Command, a Red army infantry division trapped an enemy formation, capturing 189 lorries, five tanks, four armoured cars, two 'planes and six heavy guns.

At another point, our troops surrounded concentrations of enemy tanks and artillery and destroyed 300 enemy lorries and two divisions' heavy artillery.

Very heavy fighting continues at the key points along the battlefield. — International News Service.

"Last Reserves"

The extraordinary claim that the "Soviet Army have been compelled to throw in their last reserves," is made by the official German News Agency, presumably in line with its tradition of advancing far ahead of the High Command.

The message also claims that the Germans are now 375 miles from the former Russo-German demarcation line and "once more the vast battle of annihilation is in progress," this time east of the Stalin Line.

This time, says DNB we shall not allow the enemy the breathing space they so much desire."

Smolensk

Military commentators in London point out that the penetration of 375 miles most generously measured would not put the German advance beyond Smolensk, at which town fighting has long been admitted, and that the "throwing in of the last reserves of the Russians" would be a much more convincing claim if Berlin had not thrown in the Soviet's "last reserves" several times already.

It may also be pointed out that while DNB continues on the grandiose model, a radio commentator speaking from Berlin yesterday said: "Conditions on the Soviet front are much more difficult than in France so that the required time will necessarily be longer."—Reuter.

STOLE SAMPAN AND THEN COAL

Eight months' hard labour was imposed by Mr. D. J. N. Anderson at Kowloon this morning on three Chinese, who were charged with stealing a sampan from Yaumati Typhoon Shelter and one cwt. of coal from No. 9, Taikoo Lighter yesterday.

They were seen to transfer the coal from the Lighter by a watchman, who, with the assistance of two Chinese detectives, arrested them.

It was later disclosed that they had stolen the sampan earlier.

CHA LOU-CHUN KILLED

Mr. Cha Lou-chun, veteran Chinese scholar from Anhwei and member of the National Relief Commission, was killed during the Japanese bombing of Chungking on July 10 and Mrs. Cha was wounded, it was revealed to-day.—Central News.

SPITFIRE TAKES ON FIVE

Daylight attacks on a factory at Lille in Northern France by the Royal Air Force were reported in the following British Air Ministry communique which stated:—

"R.A.F. bombers escorted by a strong force of fighters to-day (Monday) carried out attacks on a factory at Lille and on enemy shipping off the French coast. A number of enemy fighters were encountered and seven of them were destroyed. Our losses were three fighters missing."

Two Downed

A later Air Ministry announcement raised the total of German fighters shot down to eight.

Describing the air battles over Northern France and the Channel, the Air Ministry News Service says that one British pilot attacked two German fighters which were immediately joined by three more.

He took on all five single-handed. When one Messerschmitt had blown up and another had burst into flames, the other three broke off the fight and fled and the British pilot rejoined his squadron. — Reuter.

AVIATION SOCIETY FOR H.K.

The Chinese Association for the Promotion of Aviation in Chungking, headed by Major-Gen. Chen Ching-yun, will shortly establish a branch in Hong Kong in order to gain the support of the numerous Chinese here to the aviation reconstruction programme of their home government.

The main tasks of the Association are to make the Chinese air-conscious through propaganda, raise aeroplane funds, and promote civilian aviation.

Periodicals on aviation subjects are published by the Association.

MOSCOW RADIO STOPS

Suggesting a German air raid on Moscow, at 1.15 a.m. to-day, Moscow Radio went off the air whilst broadcasting its English programme. Later, transmission from the station was very bad and was scarcely intelligible. The Moscow communique on yesterday's operations has not yet been received in London.—Reuter.

PANAMA CANAL RESTRICTIONS

Mr. Sumner Welles, acting Secretary of State, was asked at his press conference yesterday about reports that Japanese ships awaiting permission for transit through the Panama Canal, had been ordered to proceed to Japan immediately via Cape Horn.

Urgent repairs to the Panama Canal, he said, had necessitated the curtailment of merchant shipping through the Canal. He added that the canal authorities had issued orders restricting or prohibiting merchant shipping, but he did not know the full details.—Reuter.

TURKISH REPLY TO RUMOURS

"THE STRAITS ARE TURKISH AND WILL REMAIN SO FOR EVER," SAID A SPEAKER ON ANKARA RADIO LAST NIGHT, QUOTING THE ANKARA "DAILY ULUL," SEMI-OFFICIAL PAPER, COMMENTING ON THE SPECIAL CELEBRATIONS YESTERDAY OF THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE RETURN TO TURKEY BY PEACEFUL NEGOTIATION OF SOVEREIGNTY OVER THE DARDANELLES.

The paper emphasised that at a time when rumours were being circulated in connection with the straits zone this aspect should be strongly borne in mind.—Reuter.

CIGARETTE PLOT ALLEGED

Three employees of the British-American Tobacco Company, together with an unemployed Chinese, were charged before Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., at the Central Magistracy this morning, with conspiracy to steal cigarettes.

First three accused were also charged with stealing 20 packets of Capstan cigarettes from the B.A.T. Factory at Gloucester Road, while the fourth accused was charged with receiving.

The accused were Lo Kwai, 25; Kwok Wing, 21, both coolies; Lam Tak-kai, liftman, and Au Ping, 26, unemployed.

Mr. W. A. MacKinlay appeared for the prosecution, assisted by Detective Sergeant J. Bentley.

The case was remanded for 48 hours.

Bail of $100 each was allowed.

"V" FOR VICTORY CAPTURES U.S. IMAGINATION

AS EVIDENCE OF how Mr. Winston Churchill's vigorous "V" campaign has caught the imagination of the Americans, Alexander Stewart, father of the film star, James Stewart, has erected a 10-foot aluminium painted V on top of Indian County's Courthouse.

The sign which hangs 300 feet over streets is illuminated by floodlights each evening.

The Press continues to give considerable prominence to the campaign.

The "New York Sun" yesterday in a leader stated: "Now the Nazis have decided to use the letter V for victory. This German imitation is doubtless intended to confuse but it is doubtful if many will be fooled.

"When Europe's captive people hear the word victory or see the sign on walls there will be no doubt in their minds who the victory is meant for. The only victory worth the name is final victory over Nazi tyranny.

"What seemed a cute trick may prove a boomerang for Goebbels' department."

Fifth Symphony

The "Christian Science Monitor" on Saturday said: "Beethoven would never have been a Nazi. He would be glad to know that the motif of fate knocking at the door with which the Fifth Symphony opens has been turned into the motif of the inevitable, knocking ominously on doors and windows whenever the Nazi oppressors pass by."—Reuter.

NEUTRAL EXPOSES AXIS RADIO

In a fully documented article on the front page of the Buenos Aires La Nacion, Leonardo Spearman, the newspaper's London correspondent, gives an account of what he describes as a 'malicious attempt" by Berlin and Rome radio to misrepresent his despatches.

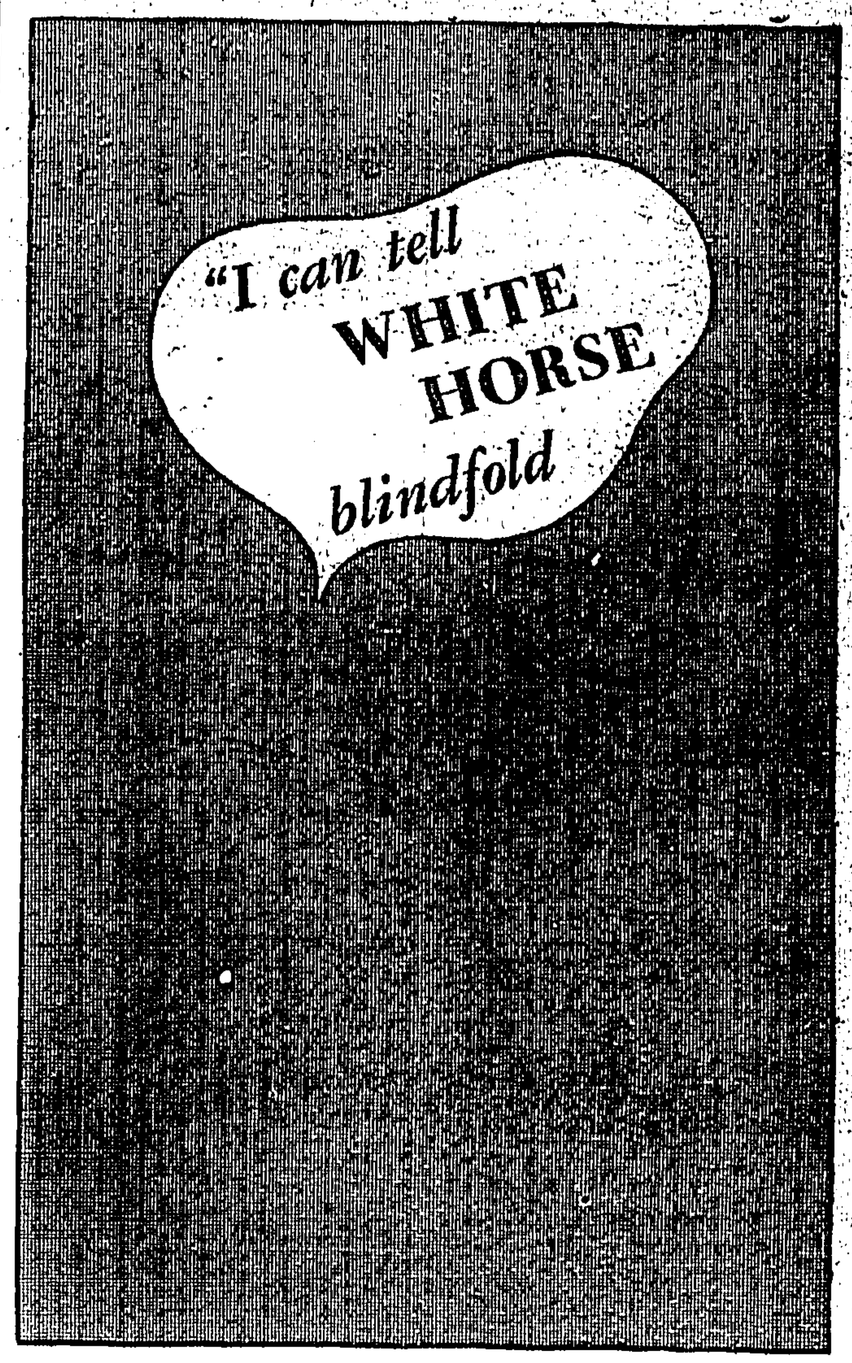
He reproduces sentences which the Axis radio took from his despatches, torn from their context, wrongly to represent him as stating that British morale was weak.

ROYAL WORKMAN DECORATED

A Government workman who, for over forty-five years, was perhaps more closely in touch—in a literal sense—with the most important Royal ceremonies than any highly placed Royal official was yesterday presented with the Imperial Service Medal by Mr. George Hicks, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Works and Building.

During his service, he ministered to the needs of ten Prime Ministers and four Speakers.

At an early stage in his life, he assisted in the preparations of St. Paul's Cathedral for Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee, the Lying in State of Queen Victoria at St. George's Chapel, Windsor and the Lying-in-State of Mr. Gladstone. —British Wireless.



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LONDON WATCH ON FAR EAST EVENTS

THE WEEK-END provided an opportunity for a digest of the implications of the newly-formed Konoye Cabinet. Watchfulness maintained by London and Washington remains unrelaxed. British defences in Malaya are being reinforced and the U.S. Fleet is maintained in the Pacific as precautions against eventualities.

There is firm belief in London that the new Japanese Cabinet does not necessarily entail a significant change in Japan's basic foreign policy, which belief seems confirmed by the statements made by Konoye and the new Foreign Minister, Admiral Toyoda. London, however, took note of Konoye's determination to carry out Japan's decided policy "boldly and swiftly."

London circles pointed out that serious trouble is definitely brewing. Therefore, the situation calls for keen vigilance and preparedness against eventualities.

Nowhere, however, is there the faintest suggestion or talk of appeasement. The reason for this is probably found in the views on the composition of the new Konoye Cabinet.

It is generally understood that its composition indicates an attempt at a compromise between the liberal and extremist factions in Japan.

The compromise apparently is designed to find a more sober execution of the policy — as contrasted to Matsuoka's "head on" manner — which will extricate Japan from the morass wherein she finds herself since the outbreak of the Russo-German war but enable her to pursue independently the achievement of her war expansionist programme without risking a major collision with the democratic Powers if possible.

Anti-Russian

London circles further pointed out that the Cabinet which is heavily weighted by the retention of War Minister Tojo and Navy Minister Oikawa — notedly anti-Russian — is a guarantee that the Army's and Navy's desires must get the first leeway. Mr. Matsuoka has been dropped because firstly he is objectionable to the United States and Britain and his exclusion, it is hoped, will make possible approchement with them.

Secondly, his exclusion, it was thought, would patch up the internal dispute which has been aflame since his return from Berlin and Moscow. Thirdly, in the event of an attack on Russia, there would be no compunction or loss of face.

London, however, also noted that there has been no slightest hint that Konoye has been out of step with Matsuoka, Baron Hiranuma who negotiated the anti-Comintern Pact but subsequently became moderate is intended to give Konoye support against the extremists while securing the support of the moderates who dislike being put in the Fascist straight jacket by the previous Cabinet. The appointment of Mr. Ogura, head of the powerful Sumitomo banking industrial syndicate, as Finance Minister, is to open the purse-strings of the vested interests for the Treasury's needs.

Sheet Anchor

Berlin's satisfaction is that the new Cabinet still regards the Tripartite Pact as the sheet anchor, but London draws the conclusion that although apparently maintaining an independent course Japan will continue to pursue a policy of expansion which must inevitably be at others' expense.

It is significant to note that Prince Konoye declared that the Tripartite Pact will henceforth serve not as an "automatic offensive instrument for Japan's own expansion" but as a purely defensive alliance — its avowedly original purpose. This attempt to remove suspicion of Japan's intentions meets with whimsical response by London circles quoting Mr. Cordell Hull that deeds speak louder than words.

China Question

It is understood that Konoye's raison d'etre as Premier has been based on his pledge to the nation that he will settle the "China Incident". The question confronting Japan is therefore whither Japan? Dare she take up another major engagement while her hands are tied up in China?

Uneasiness increased during the week-end over reports of Mr. Sotomatsu Kato's visit to Admiral Darlan in Vichy, and Admiral de Coux's sudden return to Hanoi. It is ironical that Vichy, professedly sincerest collaborator of the Axis, is not enjoying the protection of its overlord. Contrarily, its territory is made an object of bargaining.

London seems convinced that Japan's policy must soon move in order to pacify domestic discontent over the China war. It is believed that the Kato-Darlan talk is aimed at securing Vichy's acquiescence in Japan's occupation of South Indo-China in order to secure strategic bases for future operations southwards, yet avoiding conflict with Britain and the United States. — Central News.

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◇ 9 7 3
♣ K 5

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
Pass	1◇	2♣	2◇
2♡	Pass	Pass	Pass

"There we were at all of two hearts, with four hearts colder than a mackerel! As a matter of fact, I made five hearts because the defence wasn't anything to brag about.

"But who am I to sneer about the defence when I couldn't even get to a cold game? My partner and I have wrestled with the hand long and earnestly, but we still don't know how it could have been bid. What do you say about it?"

We say that it's not an easy hand to bid, but the game should be reached if the two partners are good bidders and trust each other. Everything was pretty logical up to and including West's pass on the second round. But North's pass was a different story.

South had bid two hearts—freely and vulnerable. He wasn't trying to wriggle out of a bad spot, since East had bid two diamonds and South could have passed with a bad hand. South couldn't have a four-card suit or even a weak five-card suit, since he had voluntarily come in with his bid at the level of two when vulnerable.

In short, North did not have to worry about the strength of the trump suit. South had at least a strong five-card suit; and North's three small hearts were ample support. Surely North's strong clubs, singleton diamond, and spade Ace were enough to suggest a game at hearts. Hence North should have raised to three hearts, strongly inviting South to go on to game. And, since South had about as much as could be expected (considering his original pass), he would have bid four hearts.

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Yesterday you were Merwin Maier's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you held:

♠ K 10 4
♡ 9 2
◇ K J 4 3
♣ Q 7 3 2

The bidding:

Maier	Schenken	You	Jacoby
1♠	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♡	Pass	(?)	

ANSWER: Bid three no-trump. You have a fairly good hand for a simple raise, and can best indicate the scattered nature of your strength and balanced distribution by bidding three no-trump at this stage. If your partner has a real two-suiter, he will probably bid again; but if his hand is well balanced, he will pass and you will be at the most logical contract.

Score 100% for three no-trump, 30% for three spades.

Question No. 774

To-day you are Howard Schenken's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you hold:

♠ K 10 4
♡ K J 4 3
◇ 9 2
♣ Q 7 3 2

The bidding:

Schenken	Maier	You	Jacoby
1♠	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♡	Pass	(?)	

What do you bid? (Answer to-morrow).

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BLACK-OUT ADVICE FOR TO-NIGHT

The Deputy Director of Air Raid Precautions, in a statement on last night's black-out, says that the black-out as viewed from the ground appeared effective and the majority of the population seem to have made a real attempt to black-out their premises to the best of their ability, but far too many lights were visible from the air, and from that point of view the result was far from satisfactory.

Shipping in the harbour was very bad indeed, and it appeared that there were a great many more lights on board ships than were really necessary for loading and unloading purposes. Also, in many cases very little or no attempt seems to have been made to screen lights so that no light was visible above the horizontal. Similar remarks apply to some of the ship-building yards.

Sampan Trouble

Sampans along the waterfronts, particularly in Causeway Bay, Shaukiwan, Aberdeen and The Yaumati Typhoon Shelter, were bad offenders, and junks using bright lights for fishing, especially in Port Shelter and Lantau, made no attempt whatsoever to observe the Black-out Order.

From the air there were a great many lights showing from premises along the north side of the Island, and on the Mainland it was particularly bad in Kowloon City and in the whole area west of Nathan Road

The lights shown on riskshas were ineffectively screened.

Points For To-night

Sampans and junks must so obscure their lights that they cannot be seen from above or in any other direction.

Cargo vessels loading and unloading may use restricted lighting, but these lights must be screened so that no light is thrown above the horizontal, and the number and intensity of such lights must be reduced to the minimum. It is most important to see that no reflection is cast upon the water by any lights used on vessels of all descriptions.

The general public are asked to intensify their efforts in blacking-out their premises during the coming nights, and in particular to pay attention to the top storeys, roofs and backs of their premises. The general public can do a great deal to assist the authorities by drawing the attention of offenders to any light which may have been inadvertently exposed, and if they are not then extinguished, by informing a Policeman or an Air Raid Warden.

It should be particularly noted that the period of the black-out starts at sunset, and the public must not wait for the sounding of the Air Raid Warning before obscuring their lights.

The Director of Air Raid Precautions asks for the cooperation of the public so that to-night's black-out may be a success from every point of view.

TEN ARRESTS

Ten persons were arrested in the streets of Kowloon during the black-out exercise last night for striking matches in the open and flashing unscreened electric torches. No accidents were reported to the Police.

They were charged at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning when fines ranging from $2 to $5 were imposed.

TORCH IN BLACK-OUT

A 27-year-old shirt maker, Leung Wah, was fined $5 by Mr. G. T. Lowry this morning, for a breach of the Black-out Regulations.

Accused was arrested flashing an electric torch in Duddell Street at about 9.30 p.m. yesterday.

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The office stenog says it's the boss' indisposition and not her sunburn that turns working hours on Monday into one long heated argument.

KEPT BAD COMPANY

An 18-year-old Chinese, Leung Kam-tak, of No. 16, Li Chit Street, ground floor, stated to be from a respectable Chinese family, was charged before Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., this morning, with snatching a handbag from a Chinese lady in Shan Kwong Road, yesterday.

According to Detective Sergeant V. Morrison, accused, riding a bicyle, approached from behind and snatched the handbag. A taxi-driver saw the incident and arrested defendant.

Accused told the Court that he mixed with a crowd of "so called friends," who later turned out to be loafers. They forced him to commit the crime.

Defendant was remanded until to-morrow for further enquiries.

NEW A.T.S. CHIEF

Taking over the command of the Auxiliary Territorial Service from Dame Helen Gwynne Vaughan yesterday, Mrs. Knox, the new Controller, who is only 33 years old, stated that she hoped to have a personnel of 200,000 in the A.T.S. in six months.

"Our chief job," said Mrs. Knox, "is to see our numbers are made up to more than 200,000. We have now between 40,000 and 50,000 and by Christmas I hope to see another 100,000 in our ranks."—British Wireless.

VILLAGE ROAD ROBBERY CHARGE

Cheung Kan-fook, 26, was charged before Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., this morning, with robbery at No. 66, Village Road, third floor, on July 20.

It was alleged that accused, with three others not in custody, entered No. 66, Village Road, residence of Miss Li Mei-li, and robbed her of a handbag, containing a gold wrist watch, and $25 in money, and two gold finger rings from the amahs of the house.

Accused was remanded for 72 hours.

COLLAPSE IN STREET

Said to be suffering from cholera, a 45-year-old Chinese collapsed in Hunghom yesterday. He was admitted to the Cholera hospital at Laichikok.

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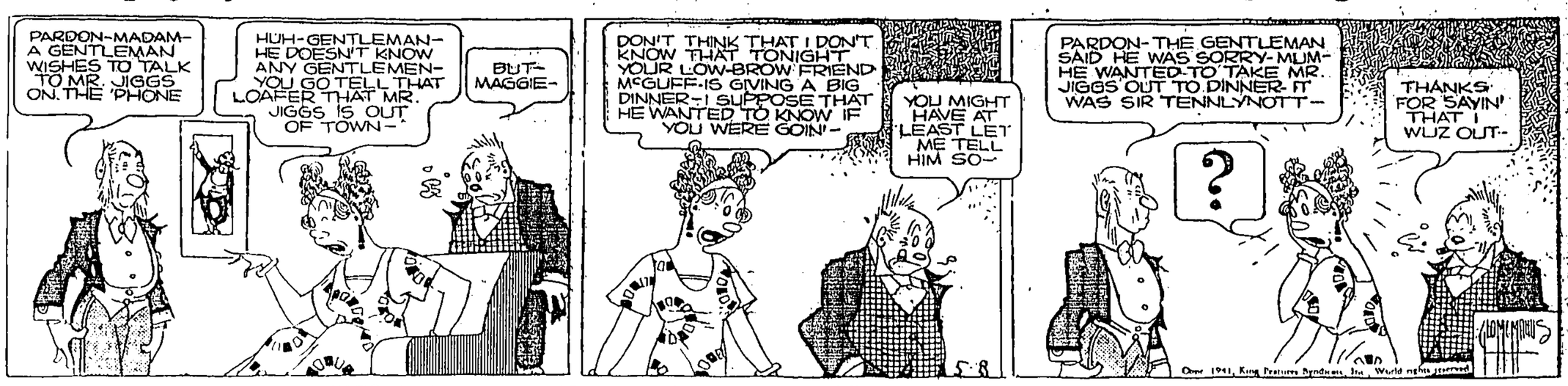

A PAGE FOR WOMEN

Hold Your Man By Being Beguiling

The war is creating strong competition for the girl who is in love with a soldier boy! Absence may, and then again it may not, make his heart grow fonder! It depends entirely upon the girl's tactics.

When you see him you must be beguiling. You must be jolly and sympathetic and interested in the details of his new, strange life. He must leave you with reluctance, thinking you are the prettiest, the most sympathetic and the most amusing girl he could ever meet. Then every other lass who comes his way will offer you no competition!

Be Poised

Quite aware of this romantic problem, a cosmetic firm has presented an entire new line of beauty aids which they have named forget-me-not. There is a foaming bath oil and lovely soap, a lush eau de cologne fragrance, and an after-bath powder. With these you are supposed to make yourself sweet and fresh as a flower and while you are doing so, your spirits will soar. You'll begin to sing (or can't he coming home for a whole week-end?) and your face and eyes will light up with your pleasure. Then you are ready for a fresh new make-up of the same line, a warm rich face powder, rouge and lipstick of a fascinating "blued" red—(just the right contrast for your summer dresses or your military suit.)

Thus groomed and prettied take time to make attractive the room in which you receive him. Environment should be pleasing, too, for that is your setting just as the ring is the setting for a jewel.

"Forget-me-not," urges this young draftee as he presents his best girl with fragrant beauty aids as a farewell gift. She seems delighted with the cologne!

Now a little lecture from your Aunt Patricia! I'm going to tell you what not to do if you wish to be beguiling!

Some girls make the horrible mistake of talking themselves out of a man's affections. If competition becomes too keen a boy gives up. But if the boy knows you are rooting for him while he is at camp, and waiting for him to get home again, no girl will be able to take him away from you! He will remember how sweet and poised and fragrant you were the last night he saw you, and you will become the girl he cannot forget!

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Fascinating BRENDA JOYCE one of Hollywood's young lovelies, is a man's ideal dream girl! Beauty, poise, charming manners and a beautiful voice.

Are You A Cabbage?

If you're a cabbage you'll never turn into an orchid. Only a fool or a cat would tell you to try.

All the same you know what people mean by a cabbage. Somebody wholesome and staid and unimaginative and oh, so dull.

You're not going to sit down under that, surely?

The old, rather underdone, boiled, is one of the worst of vegetables, and yet it can be made absolutely delicious.

Cabbage puree with a little bit of margarine in it. . . . That sharp, tasty salad of cole slaw with some vinegar . . . . You see the idea?

Dish yourself up differently!

You can be sound without being solemn.

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You can remain your own nice self and keep your standards without being so stiff about fairly nice people whose standards are different.

Above all, you can switch out of thinking that "but I never do that" is a sufficient reason in itself for not trying something new.

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Do you realise that by making wholesomeness so unattractive you're doing more harm than by being a cheap flirt?

You're wasting a good thing and driving people to something worse.

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So, work that out, shake yourself up, and realise that cabbage can be the best vegetable of all.

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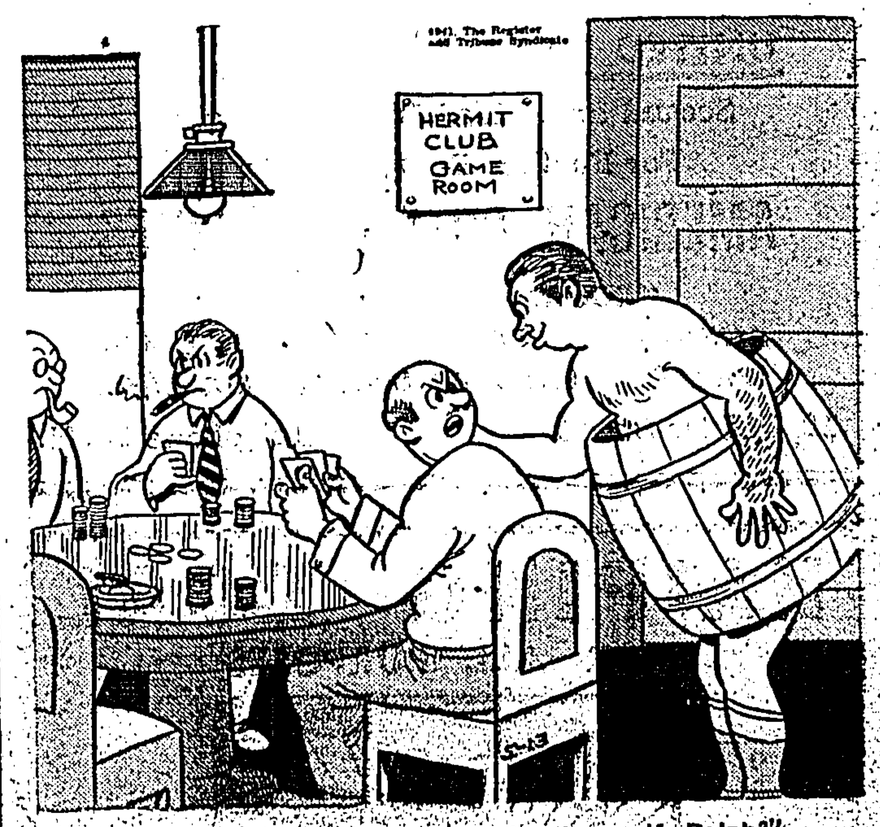

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RADIO

6.00 p.m.—Indian Programme.
6.45 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.47 p.m.—Albert Sandler & His Orchestra with Jeanette McDonald (Soprano) and Charles Kullman (Tenor).
Life Is Nothing Without Music (Hartley); Tristesse (So Deep Is The Night—Chopin)....Albert Sandler & his orchestra.
Serenade (Ravini's Serenade)....Charles Kullman with orchestra.
Heartless (Meisel); Gipsy, Sing For Me (Meisel)....Albert Sandler & his orchestra.
Try To Forget (from film "Cat & The Fiddle"—Kern, Harbach); To-night Will Teach Me To Forget (from film "The Merry Widow"—Kahn—Stothart and Lehar)....Jeanette MacDonald with orchestra.
You Will Remember Vienna; I Bring A Love Song (Theme Song "Viennese Nights"—Romberg)....Albert Sandler & his orchestra.
Vale (Farewell) (D'Arcy & Russell); Love, Here Is My Heart (Ross & Silesu)....Charles Kullman with orchestra & organ.
Love's Last Word (Cremieux)....Albert Sandler & his orchestra.
One Kiss (from film "New Moon"—Mandel, Hammerstein II-Romberg)....Jeanette MacDonald with orch.

7.30 p.m.—Portuguese Programme.

8.00 p.m.—London—The News.

8.15 p.m.—London—War Commentary.

8.25 p.m.—London—"Listening Post". Examination of Points in Daily German Propaganda.

8.30 p.m.—Programme Summary.

8.32 p.m.—Compositions of Greig.
Peer Gynt Suite No. 2, Op. 55: Ingrid's Lament—Arabian Dance—The Return of Peer Gynt—Solveig's Song ... New Light Symphony Orchestra cond. by Eugene Goossens.
Im Kahne (In The Boat), Op. 60, No. 3 ...Kirsten Flagstad (Soprano) with piano.
Elegiac Melodies, Op. 34—Heart Wounds—Spring .... The London Philharmonic Orchestra cond. by Eugene Goossens.

9.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Announcements.

9.02 p.m.—Sergei Rachmaninoff (Piano) and Theodore Chaliapine (Bass).
Serenade, Op. 3, No. 5 (Rachmaninoff); Scherzo (Borodin)....Sergei Rachmaninoff.
"Roussalka"—Aria of the Miller; "Ruesain & Ludmila"—Rondo of Farlaff (Patter Song—Glinka)....Theodore Chaliapine with orchestra.
Polka De W. R. (Rachmaninoff)....Sergei Rachmaninoff.
The Prisoner (Rubinstein) ....Theodore Chaliapine with piano.
Tritoka En Traineaux (In A Three-Horse Sleigh) Op. 37, No. 11 (Tchaikovsky) ....Sergei Rachmaninoff.

9.25 p.m.—Brahms Clarinet and Piano Sonata in E Flat Major.
Allegro Amabile—Allegro Appassionato ma non troppo—Andante con moto—Allegro con moto....Frederick Thurston (Clarinet) and Myers Foggin (Piano).

9.45-10.00 p.m.—News in French (on Short Wave only).

9.45 p.m.—Concert Waltzes.
Du Und Du—Waltz ("Die Fledermaus"—(The Bat)—J. Strauss)....Orchestra Mascotte.
Danube Waves—Waltz; On The Shore—Waltz ....International Dance Orchestra.
Evening Stars—Waltz (J. Lanner); Good-night—Waltz (Wood, Bibo, Conrad)....Orchestra Mascotte.
10.00 p.m.—London — News & News Commentary.
10.15 p.m.—An Hour of Popular Dance Music and Variety.
Fox-Trot—A Nightingale Sang In Berkeley Square (from film "New Faces")....Joe Loss & his orch.
Vocal—The Cockeyed Mayor of Kaunakakai; Rhumboogie (from "Argentine Nights")....The Andrew Sisters & Vic Scheon & his orchestra.
Slow Fox-Trot—And So Do I; Fox-Trot—Only Forever (from film "Rhythm On the River")....Billy Cotton and his Band.
Piano—All The Things You Are....."Hutch" Leslie A. Hutchinson.
Fox-Trots—Two Dreams Met; Down Argentina Way (from film "Down Argentine Way")....Oscar Rabin & his Band.
Vocal—It's Foolish But It's Fun (from film "Spring Parade"); Beneath the Lights of Home (from film "Nice Girl")....Deanna Durbin with Charles Previn & his orch.
Fox-Trot—The Swiss Bellringer; Quick-Step—The Ferry Boat Serenade....The New Mayfair Dance Orchestra.
Comedian—The Sweetheart Of The Fleet; Bless 'Em All....Arthur Askey with orchestra.
Fox-Trot—We Three (My Echo, My Shadow, and Me)....Tommy Dorsey & his orchestra.
Vocal—I'm Just Wild About Harry (from film 'Babes In Arms")....Judy Garland with Vic Young & his orchestra.
Fox-Trot—Yes, My Darling Daughter ....Benny Goodman & his orch.
Vocal — Yesterthoughts ....Kenny Baker with orchestra.
Fox-Trot—Oh Johnny, Oh Johnny, Oh....Orrin Tucker & his orchestra.
11.15 p.m.—Close down.

TWO TYPHOONS

Two typhoons are reported from Manila. One is east of the Bashi Channel, moving North. The other is near or over the Bonins, moving NNE or NE.

R.A.F.'S LATEST FIGHTER

Typhoon's Speed Over 400 M.P.H.

Britain is now producing the world's most formidable fighter aircraft, the Typhoon, which surpasses the Spitfire and even the new Tornado in performance. The Typhoon, fitted with the magnificent new Napier Sabre engine, is capable of well over 400 m.p.h.

The Typhoon is armed and armoured better than any of its predecessors. Its armament comprises a mixture of cannon and and machine-guns, giving terrific fire power.

The Sabre engine, designed by Major Frank Halford, famed as the producer of racing motor-cars before the war, develops the unprecedented horse-power of 2,400.

The aircraft is single seater, single-engined machine, designed by Mr. Sydney Camm, chief designer of the Hawker Aircraft Company, who also planned the Hawker Hurricane and the Hawker Tornado. It has a greater range than previous single seater types.

Germany's latest single seater fighter, the Heinkel 113, is believed to have a top speed of 398 m.p.h., a ceiling of 39,400 feet, and is armed with four large-bore guns.

Among the 1,000 Canadian and America aircraft so far delivered to the R.A.F. is the Catalina P.B.Y. flying boat, made by the Consolidated Company. Many models of this machine are doing excellent work on reconnaissance and escort duty in the North Atlantic.

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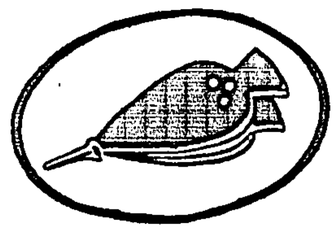
NEW SHIPPING COURSE

A NEW SHIPPING COURSE BETWEEN THE KURILE ISLANDS AND NEMURO, IN HOKKAIDO ISLAND, HAS BEEN DISCOVERED BY THE JAPANESE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS.

The new course is described as "highly significant" by informed commentators, as the Kurile Islands have become an important part of the Japanese national defence system with the advent of international tension following Germany's attack on Russia.

It is understood that the new course, the discovery of which was announced yesterday in Tokyo, will henceforth be followed by all ships to or from Kurile Islands.—Reuter.



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STIRRING APPEAL FOR ORTHOPAEDIC HOSPITALS

"WE KNOW — we cannot help but know—that on every striken field in China there lie after each battle men—a few hours ago strong, hearty, now in an agony of pain—for whom the future holds one of three possible prospects, a lingering death, the blasted life of a cripple or, thirdly, restoration in part or in whole to health and strength," said His Excellency the Governor, Sir Geoffry Northcote, in a stirring appeal for funds for orthopaedic centres in China, the campaign for which was launched at an inaugural tea party at the Hong Kong Hotel yesterday evening.

The appeal was made at the request of Madame H. H. Kung, with the support of His Excellency, under the auspices of the British Fund for the Relief of Distress in South China.

Opening the meeting, Bishop Hall said.—"My first duty is to express the gratitude of all who care for China and for the disabled soldiers of China to Madame H. H. Kung, to whose initiative and determination this meeting is largely due. She called a group together to her house and asked us to help her to get the money which Dr. Robert Lim so badly need, for the extension of the Red Cross work for disabled soldiers.

"Before I call on Dr. Robert Lim to speak I must mention one other active founder of this gathering. Sir Robert Kotewall has asked me to express on his behalf his unqualified support and enthusiasm for this cause. We are sorry that Sir Robert is not here to infect us with his own enthusiasm and conviction, but I know you will agree with me in sending him from this meeting our best wishes for the rest he deserves and the health we need him to have.

"Good Wine Needs No Bush"

"It is unnecessary at this time and in this company to say more about Dr. Lim. He is pre-eminently one of those whom Shakespeare had in mind when he said, "Good wine needs no bush." What he has done for China will live as one of the great achievements of history. Recognition of it does not depend on our words: it is written in the lives of thousands of soldiers who would, without his aid, have been lost to China and to their loved ones; and it is written deeply in the traditions and standards of work and training which has established and which will remain a permanent part both of the Army medical service and of the National health services of China."

Dr. Lim's Speech

Dr. Robert Lim said:—

"The Orthopaedic Centres have been organised to care for those who have been disabled in the course of China's struggle for freedom. Naturally most of the cases are soldiers, but civilians injured or maimed through enemy air-raids must also be helped.

"Orthopaedics is usually concerned only with injuries of the limbs—the arms and legs — in which the bones are fractured or broken. But as war wounds often given rise to terrible deformity and disability, and injury which will lead to disability is now given attention by our service. Not only are broken limbs treated, but repair of head and jaw injuries, and of other body defects are now being undertaken. Artificial legs and arms, all kinds of braces and appliances for the body, even artificial jaws, noses, and we hope later—artificial eyes —are being made and fitted to suit each individual. Treatment of such cases is a long and tedious process requiring specialists with special equipment, such as X-Ray, diathermy and other physiotherapy apparatus.

"Time hangs wearily on the patient, and progress of cure is often discouraging. To keep up the morale of the soldier-patient, he must be given something to do. Above all he must not be returned to society feeling an outcast unable to sustain himself or subsisting solely upon the pension which he may receive.

The Disabled

"The disabled are therefore encouraged to undergo vocational training along some line which is adapted to his disability and which will afford him a reasonable living by his own efforts. Such trades as tailoring, stocking-making, shoe-making, basket weaving soap-making etc. are being taught, not only for the material benefit which it gives the trainee but equally important for the spirit of independence and self-respect, which they inspire. The disabled after being treated and repaired feels as good as new, so to speak, and is prepared to take his place in the nation as a useful citizen. The Orthopaedic Centre is thus equipped and staffed to carry out vocational training.

"This is not all. To help the disabled soldier to start his little business and manage it afterwards, he is finally trained in co-operative management. The China Industrial Co-operatives is assisting in giving this training and in providing loans to purchase equipment and raw materials.

"The main objective of the Orthopaedic Centres of which three are now organised and others are set up as soon as funds are available, is thus the rehabilitation into civil life of every soldier discharged from the Army as disabled.

"There is, however, another equally important objective. That is the prevention of deformity and disability. Many wounds, often the light ones, will deteriorate into bad cases, if they are not properly treated at the beginnig. Many cases of amputation can be avoided and limbs saved, if properly handled at the start. By training the medical staff of the Army how to treat such cases during the first few days or weeks, we can substantially reduce the number of cases that eventually become disabled. At the same time, a better handling of the serious cases will often save lives.

The Chinese Red Cross

"This is the reason why the Orthopaedic Centres are attached to the Medical Service Training Schools and as there are going to be one School (and Hospital) in each War Area, there will eventually be an Orthopaedic Centre in each War Area. With good treatment given at an early stage, the number of disabled may be reduced by half or more.

"In this work of training the Chinese Red Cross is doing an important part, not only at the Centres, but also at the Front, where the Red Cross Units attached to Armies are doing their best to teach proper methods of handling right at the front, where the wounded man is first attended.

"Funds are needed for the work to provide buildings for hospitals and operating and special treatment rooms, for equipment and materials, for vocational training classes, for hostels, transport and for staff salaries and expenses.

"I am sure you will feel it your duty to help those who have suffered in the cause of their country and in the cause of freedom the world over."

Governor's Speech

His Excellency, the Governor said:—

"I want to put a very plain case to you this afternoon. We know—we cannot help but know—that on every stricken field in China there lie after each battle men—a few hours ago strong, hearty, now in an agony of pain—for whom the future holds one of three possible prospects, a lingering death, the blasted life of a cripple or, thirdly, restoration in part or in whole to health and strength.

"If we were actually to be confronted with such a one, and if the means to help him were at hand, stretcher, ambulance and hospital, who among us would hesitate to carry that stretcher and help with that ambulance until the victim of war had reached the surgeon? Would we not strain every nerve and muscle to get that man to hospital? Would we care whether we risked our very lives if he lay there in the flesh, bleeding at our feet?

"I tell you that thousands of these stricken, pain-torn, dying men are lying about you this very afternoon. Not here physically in Hong Kong, but over there in China for which land beats the heart of every Chinese man and Chinese woman and of every friend of China, however, loyal a British subject he or she may be.

"Those stricken men may be far away in reality, though not, I trust, far from your thoughts; but right here at hand you have stretchers, ambulances, hospitals, surgical instruments and all the rest of Dr. Robert Lim's crying needs; and you have them in very large quantities; not perhaps enough to fulfil all his requirements, but quite enough to save thousands of men from death or helpless crippledom.

"You may ask me where this great store is? The answer is the simplest possible: it is in your cheque-books But not only yours: you have been brought here not only for what you yourselves will give to help the men who are enduring almost hopeless agony in China's cause, but also that you may hear with your ears and publish abroad with your own tongues and pens the Appeal which Madame Kung is launching this afternoon for those mens' sake.

The Real Point

"Many of you, I know, have already given largely, generously, to previous appeals for China's sufferers. In one case it was to a Fund which I personally started, now all too nearly spent; but is the fact that you have already given, and given liberally, the real point? Is not the real point "Have I given enough?"

"I can suggest only one. When you meet a cripple, shattered in defence of your country, and can truthfully say to yourself, "I have left nothing undone, no sacrifice unmade, no dollar unspared, that might have saved that poor creature from his misery," then and then only will this word 'enough' be justifiable in your mouth.

"I hope that I have put the case as plainly as I promised. Dr. Lim has told you of the help which the Orthopaedic Centres started by him is giving to China's wounded and of the very urgent need which those centres have for expansion and equipment. I do not propose to cover that ground again nor to pad out my case with compliments, however well merited, to those who are identified with this most deserving cause. The fact that this Appeal is launched under the patronage of the highly distinguished lady whose name is associated with it is sufficient guarantee that every dollar that you give will be wholly and wisely spent on the Orthopaedic Centres. Of Dr. Lim's devoted work Bishop Hall has told you something and I will add no more to his words than to say that in Dr. Robert Lim the Generalissimo has a servant worthy of himself. I could not find higher praise than that.

"My part is to urge that Appeal on you and in doing so I ask two things of you. First that you will be its Apostles to all who may be willing to respond to it; and secondly that when you yourselves make your response you will keep before your eyes the vision of the broken men whom this Appeal sets out to help. If you see that picture clearly this Appeal will exceed all hopes."

Following a short talk by Dr. C. T. Wang, Mr. Tsuyee Pei disclosed that $20,000, in Chinese currency, had been received from Madame H. H. Kung, $50,000 from local banking organisations, and $20,000 from the British Fund for the Relief of Distress in China.

Mr. Lo's Appeal

The Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo said:—

"His Excellency Sir Geoffry Northcote arrived in this Colony on October 25, 1937. An Address of Welcome on behalf of the Colony was read by the Honourable Sir Henry Pollock, K.C. In the course of his reply which, if I may say so, deeply impressed the Colony, His Excellency said:—

'The blackest cloud in our sky is the grievous war in which the two greatest nations in this quarter of the world are now engaged. It is not for me to express any view upon the merits or demerits of the contending causes. But, as you all know, a strong effort is being made at the instance of the Committee which advises the League of Nations on Far Eastern affairs, to discover means whereby this ghastly slaughter and misery of mankind and this violence done to human intercourse and commerce may be ended. All here will join me in the earnest hope that success will attend the Brussels Conference and that the tragic situation which has developed in China will be quickly cured. No signatory of the Nine Power Treaty will work more vigorously towards this much desired aim than the British Empire. Insofar as we in Hong Kong can support that endeavour, let us give every help that we can.'

"His Excellency's message of sympathy, delivered upon his stepping on the shores of this Colony, naturally afforded great satisfaction to the Chinese. Since His Excellency's arrival he has given his encouragement and support to every worthy cause in charitable aid to China, and in relief of distress.

"In November 1938 The British Fund for Relief of Distress in China, Hong Kong and South China Branch, was formally inaugurated. It is well known that His Excellency is, and has since its inception been, Patron of this Fund. But it may not be so generally known that it was His Excellency himself who inspired the organisation of this Fund and did so much to bring it about, including drafting the inaugural appeal to the public.

Farewell Present

"When His Excellency was recently approached that the Chinese in the Colony would like to make a farewell presentation to his Excellency, he expressed the strong wish that every cent which the Chinese could afford should be devoted to charitable relief in China, and it is out of deference to His Excellency's wishes that the Chinese farewell presentation will be confined to an address framed in blackwood.

"And now, on the eve of His Excellency's departure, and under the shadow of an illness which we all earnestly hope will be completely dispelled when His Excellency permits himself the leisure to think of himself and to receive expert medical treatment, he has taken the trouble not only of attending this function to signify his sunpport, but of making an appeal which I know must have profoundly touched the heart and soul of everyone present.

"Even if no tangible results should come of to-day's appeal, I can assure His Excellency that when he leaves us he will take with him the abiding gratitude of all Chinese for his sympathy for and help to China. He will, too, have the satisfaction of knowing that his Fund has already expanded over $700,000.00 for the relief of distress and suffering. But I can not believe that this appeal can fail. On the contrary, I am confident that as the result of to-day's meeting we can raise H.K.$200,000 to provide the orthopoedic Centres in Free China which are so badly needed. In that case I know no one will rejoice more than His Excellency His Excellency's inspiring appeal which we have just heard, and above all, the fruitful results of that appeal, will indeed be a happy and fitting culmination of His Excellency's labours in Hong Kong in the cause of China.

Among those present were H.E. Sir Geoffry Northcote, Bishop Hall, Dr. C. T. Wang, Dr. Robert Lim, Mr. M. K. Lo, Mr. Tsuyee Pei, Mr. K. P. Chen, Mr. Y. S. Doo, Mr. Sung Han-chang, Mr. P. N. Chung, Mr. T. N. Lee, Mr. Li Tse-fong, Mr. M. Y. Tang, Mr. Sou Z. Chang, Mr. Kan Tong-po, Sir Robert Ho Tung, Sir Shouson Chow, The Hon. Mr. Thomas Tam, The Commodore, The Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith, Lady Macgregor, The Hon. Mr. D. J. Sloss, Mr. J. P. Pennefather-Evans, The Hon. Dr. P. S. Selwyn-Clarke, Mr. A. Wessellus, Director of the American Red Cross, Bishop Valtorta, Mr. W. H. Lock, Dr. W. W. Yen, Dr. F. C. Yen, Mr. E. Cock, Dr. S. N. Chau, Dr. Li Shu-fan, Mrs. P. S. Selwyn-Clarke, Mr. B. W. Tapp, Mr. Hsu Shi-ying, Mr. M. H. Lo and Mr. M. W. Lo.

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POLICE 'A' PROMINENT IN SUMMER POSTAL LEAGUE RIFLE SHOOTING

FIRST RESULTS OF THE SUMMER POSTAL LEAGUE IN HONG KONG RIFLE ASSOCIATIONS MINIATURE RIFLE SECTION HAVE PRODUCED SOME EXCELLENT INDIVIDUAL SCORES, ALTHOUGH SEVERAL TEAMS LOST THEIR MATCHES BY NOT HAVING A FOURTH MARKSMAN UP TO THE SHOOTING STANDARD OF HIS FELLOW TEAM MEMBERS.

Hong Kong Police "A" team produced the highest scores of the period on their 20 yards range, with o 362 against R.A.F. "A" and 347 against Punjab "E".

A close result was provided by the Middlesex Regiment "E" team, who scored 342, and Royal Scots "C" Coy. "A", with 341, both returning good average scores.

The highest individual Open Sight scores of the period were:-

C.H.M. Adal Sher (Punjab "D")	94
Sgt. F. E. Russell (H.K. Police)	93
Nk. Noor Alam (Rajput "D")	93
Sgt. Puran Singh (H.K. Police "A")	93
C.S.M. Milne (Royal Scots "D" Coy. "A")	92

Scores in the Aperture Sight League were not high, R.A.F. returning the highest score of the period with 386 against H.K. Police "A". Sgt. Wall (H.K. Police "A") returned 99, the highest individual score.

Results of matches completed on July 13 are as follows: -

FIRST DIVISION FIXTURES

H.K. Police "A" (20 yards) 362 v R.A.F. 316

2nd/14th Punjab Regt. "A" 280 v H.K.V.D.C. "A" 246

H.K. Police Reserve (20 yards) 329 v 2nd/14th Punjab Regt. "B" 318

22nd (F) Coy. R.E. 272 v 5th/7th Rajput Regt. "A" 286.

2nd/14th Punjab Regt. "C" 311 v Royal Scots H.Q. Coy. "A" 318

5th/7th Rajput Regt. "B" 312 v Middlesex Regt. "A" 277

Royal Scots "A" Coy. 300 v H.K.R.N.V.R. "A" 298

5th/7th Rajput Regt. "C" 281 v Royal Scots "B" Coy. 235.

Middlesex Regt. "B" 297 v 2nd/14th Punjab Regt. "D" 287

5th/7th Rajput Regt. "D" 304 v Royal Scots "C" Coy. "A" 339

Middlesex Regt. "C" 296 v 5th/7th Rajput Regt. "E" 313

Royal Scots "D" Coy. "A" 312 v Middlesex Regt. "D" 291.

2nd/14th Punjab Regt. "E" 321 v H.K. Police "A" (20 yards) 347

R.A.F. "A" 336 v 2nd/14th Punjab Regt. "A" 302.

H.K.V.D.C. "A" 296 v H.K. Police Reserve (20 yards) 342.

2nd/14th Punjab Regt. "B" 305 v 22nd (F) Coy. R.E. 297.

5th/7th Rajput Regt. "A" 319 v 2nd/14th Punjab Regt. "C" 326.

Royal Scots H.Q. Coy. "A" 314 v 5th/7th Rajput Regt. "B" 321.

Middlesex Regt. "A" 294 v Royal Scots "A" Coy 306

H.K.R.N.V.R. "A" 310 v 5th/7th Rajput Regt. "C" 320

*40th (F) Coy. R.E. v Middlesex Regt "B" 295

40th (F) Coy. R.E. 321 v Royal Scots "C" Coy. "A" 332

Middlesex Regt "E" 326 v 5th/7th Rajput Regt. "D" 331

Middlesex Regt. "F" 342 v Royal Scots "C" Coy "A" 341

Dockyard Rifle Club 315 v Royal Scots "B" Coy 280

Dockyard Rifle Club 317 v 5th/7th Rajput Regt "E" 330

Collinson R.C. "A" 267 v 2nd/14th Punjab Regt. "D" 245

Collinson R.C. "A" 27) v Middlesex Regt. "D" 277

* Cards not returned

SECOND DIVISION FIXTURES

H.K. Police "B" (20 yards) 345 v R.A.F. "B" 327

H.K.V.D.C. "B" 213 v H.K.R.N.V.R. "B" 308

Royal Scots H.Q. Coy. "B" 265 v Royal Scots "C" Coy "B" 326.

Royal Scots "D" Coy. "B" 236 v Middlesex Regt "F" 259.

Middlesex Regt "G" 272 v Middlesex Regt "H" 264

R.E. Shamshuipo 321 v R.E. Stanley 285

R.E. Stonecutters 314 v R.E. Collinson 199

H.K. Police "A" (20 yards) 376 v R.A.F. 386.

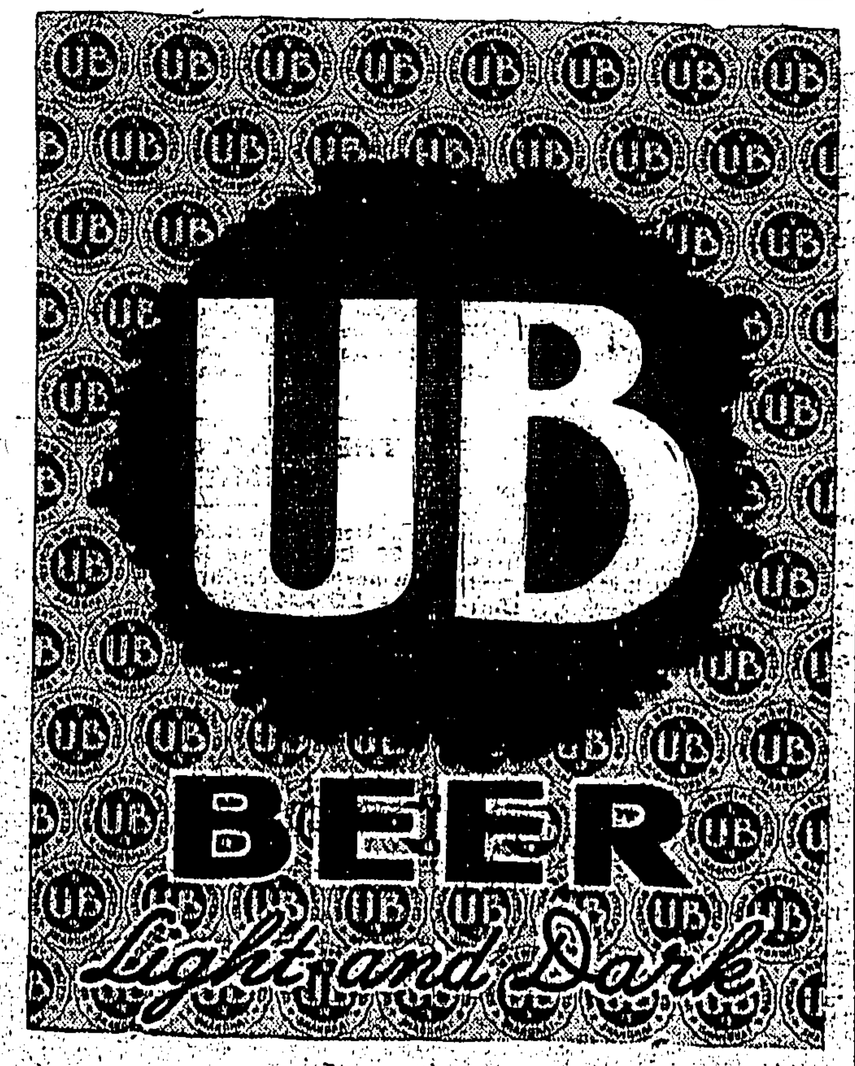
H.K. Police "B" (20 yards) 380 v Royal Scots "C" Coy. 367

H.K. Police Reserve "A" (20 yards) 381 v H.K. Police Reserve "B" (20 yards) 360.

GENE SARAZEN'S LAPSE

In the semi-final of the P.G.A. Championship at Denver, Byron Nelson defending champion, beat Gene Sarazen 2 and 1 after lying in arrears for 27 holes. The last nine holes were played in a heavy rainstorm and Sarazen lost the match when he missed a 4-foot putt at the 35th. Vic Ghezzi entered the Final when he held a spectacular late rally by Lloyd Mangrum and won one up. Ghezzi, erratic protege of Craig Wood, National champion, won the Final, one up on the 38th green, when Nelson missed a 2½-foot putt.

The oldest known thoroughbred in America is Merrick, who was 38 this year. He was raced until he was 11 years old, starting in 205 races, of which he won 61. He is nearly blind, deaf and toothless, but his owner reports him as "getting along fine."



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WATER-POLO AT STANDSTILL

Owing to Blackout and Military exercises no games in the Y.M.C.A. Invitation Water-Polo Tournament have been arranged till Thursday.

TO-DAY'S PAIRS GAMES

Following is to-day's programme of matches in the Second Round of the Colony Lawn Bowls Pairs Championship:

At K.B.G.C.

N. J. Bebbington and J. F. McGowan v J. J. Basto and C. H. Basto.

A. L. Eastman and W. C. Simpson v W. J. McCarrach and T. Pile.

At K.F.C.

F. Goodwin and E. W. C. Simmonds v C. M. Silva and F. X. Soares.

At K.C.C.

H. R. Pinna and B. Basto v J. Hurst and C. E. Turpin.

C. W. Lam and N. P. Karanjia v L. J. Silva and J. F. V. Ribeiro.

At Club de Recreio

B. A. Mansell and P. Morgan v. W. McMaster and M. Ferguson (First Round).

At P.R.C.

D. A. Rosario and J. S. Lando't v J. H. Gelling and R. G. Wallington.

At C.C.C.

A. Morton and W. Nash v S. Eccleshall and J. Shepherd

E. L. Strange and H. E. Strange v C. E. Marques and J. E. Noronha.

MANY BOWLS MATCHES POSTPONED

The "China Mail" has been informed that the following matches in the Colony Lawn Bowls Pairs Championship, originally arranged for this afternoon, have been postponed owing to Volunteer exercises:

At H.K.F.C.: J. McCutcheon and C. Gowland v M. R. Abbas and A. R. Dallah; V. McGrath and V. H. Freeman v J. V. Ramsay and R. Morrison.

At K.B.G.C.: B. D. Evans and C. Fuller v J. S. Howell and W. Gill.

At K.F.C.: J. M. Purvis and A. Barley v W. L. Walker and R. Duncan.

At Recreio: W. J. Burling and M. N. Rakusen v A. A. Dand and W. V. Field.

At P.R.C.: L. Gaddi and C. S. Rosselet v S. R. Solina and K. M. Omar.

At C.S.C.C.: J. M. Jack and A. E. Perry v K. M. and S. M. Rumjahn.

These matches will be played off later in the week, probably Thursday or Friday.

McCULLOUGH BACK AGAIN IN THE NEWS

Clyde McCullough, though considered Chicago Cub's first string catcher, has had to take a back seat in his team's publicity campaign, due to the fact that other things happened to keep him out of the news.

The antics of Lou Novikoff, to date the Big Flop of 1941, was the first, and this was followed by the trading of veteran Billy Herman to make room for young Lou Stringer at second base.

All this over and done with, the boys at the Bruins' camp have just waken up to the fact that in McCullough they might easily have a second edition of Leo Hartnett, for this 185-pound hind-snatching youngster (he is only 24 years of age), gives every indication of taking his place in the great line of Cub catchers—Johnny Kling, Jimmy Archer, Bob O'Farrell and Gabby Hartnett.

Adjudged the finest catcher in the minors in 1940, McCullough batted .324 to be runner-up in the International. He manufactured 27 home runs, 5 triples and 21 doubles.

He is an alert base-runner, of good speed for a big backstop.

On the recommendation of Scout Clarence Rowland, the Cubs paid the Yankee organisation $40,000 for McCullough late in 1939, while he was helping Kansas City to a pennant.

A. Morton, Kowloon Bowling Green Club lawn bowler, is leaving shortly on transfer.

OMAR BROTHERS SCORE 42 AT 16 ENDS FOR LAWN BOWLS PAIRS WIN

A BLOCK OF SECOND ROUND MATCHES IN THE COLONY LAWN BOWLS PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIPS WERE PLAYED OFF LAST EVENING WHEN, FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE THE INTRODUCTION OF DAYLIGHT SAVING IN HONG KONG, BOWLERS WERE IN A HURRY TO FINISH OFF THEIR GAMES — IN ORDER TO GET HOME BEFORE THE "BLACK-OUT" EXERCISES BEGAN.

A number of games were postponed, and the biggest total of the day was chalked up by A. M. and U. M. Omar who scored 42 against 10 by V. Ebbage and J. Gellatly. Included in the Omars' score were three 5's and two 4's.

Consistency Rewarded

At Kowloon Cricket Club P. A. Peckham and W. McNeill beat J. S. Riddell and J. C. Aitken 22-16.

McNeill opened with a 4 and though scores were levelled at the 3rd a run of 1 4 1 3 saw McNeill well ahead again at the 7th. There was little in this game that was outstanding but the winning pair were the more consistent and this proved the deciding factor. McNeill scored at 12 ends.

Scores were:-

J.C.A.: 0 3 1 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 3 1 2 0 1 2 0 0 0 0 2

M.McN.: 4 0 0 1 4 1 3 0 1 1 0 0 0 3 0 0 1 1 1 1 0

An Impossible Task

At Kowloon Bowling Green Club C. F. Vas and J. C. Remedios beat E. Curtis and A. W. Smith 29-22.

It was a game where fortune fluctuated considerably, for while the K.C.C. pair had all the joss that was going up till the 15th, at which stage they were leading 20-16, the Recreio players came into their own after that, thanks chiefly to a 4 at the 16th. Once they regained the lead (they were 10-8 up at the 8th) there was no holding them and 3 4 1 1 in a row found the K.C.C. pair in the hopeless situation of having to score a 10 with their 8 woods at the 21st end to tie! Remedios scored at 12 ends.

Scores were:—

J.C.R.: 0 0 0 1 4 1 4 0 1 0 0 0 4 1 0 4 3 4 1 1 0

A.W.S.: 1 1 4 0 0 0 0 2 0 3 1 3 0 0 4 0 0 0 0 0 3

Win For Police Pair

G. Willerton and G. Davies of Police Recreation Club had an easy win over H. McKay and M. Purvis and won by 23 shots to 13 at Craigengower Cricket Club.

Willerton scored at the first 7 heads without reply and led Purvis by 12 clear shots. At the 15th Willerton was leading by 17-7. Willerton scored on alternate heads and won by 10 shots, after scoring at 13 heads.

Scores were:—

G.W.: 2 2 2 1 3 1 1 0 0 1 0 0 3 1 0 1 0 2 0 3 0

M.P.: 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 3 1 0 1 1 0 0 1 0 3 0 1 0 2

An Even Game

The game between T. Coleman and P. Younghusband and W. Melrose and J. C. Chalmers was evenly contested till the 14th head, but a strong finish enabled Coleman and Younghusband to win by 16-11.

At the 5th Coleman and Younghusband were leading 5-2 but at the 13th the score was 9-all. Melrose and Chalmers then scored a single but Coleman and Younghusband finished with 1 2 1 0 1 1 1 to win by 5 shots. The winners scored at 13 ends.

Scores were:—

J.C.C.: 1 0 0 1 0 1 2 0 0 2 0 2 0 2 0 1 0 0 0 1 0 0

P.Y.: 0 2 2 0 1 0 0 1 1 0 1 0 1 0 1 2 1 0 1 1 1

Omars Win Easily

Scoring at 16 ends, A. M. and U. M. Omar beat V. S. Ebbage and J. Gellatly by 42-10 at Police Recreation Club.

Omars opened with a single but Ebbage and Gellatly then scored a four. Omars then scored 18 shots at the next six ends, before the Civil Service pair replied with a two and a single to be led 19-7.

At the 15th end, the score was 22-10 in Omar's favour. Omars then scored 20 shots at the last six ends which included two fives, a four and a three.

Scores were:—

U.M.O.: 1 0 2 4 5 2 2 3 0 0 1 1 0 1 0 5 2 5 4 1 3

J.G.: 0 4 0 0 0 0 0 0 2 1 0 0 1 1 1 0 0 0 0 0 0

F. X. Silva Wins

The match at Kowloon Dock between C. Dowman and F. Channings against C. C. Pereira and F. X. M. Silva resulted in a win for the latter by 18—13

Guterres's Rink Win At K.D.R.C.

In the Second Round of the Colony Lawn Bowls Rinks Championship A. P. Guterres's rink (H. R. Pinna, A. M. Xavier and B. Basto) beat N. J. Bebbington's four (N. D. Lloyd, H. H. Rose and T. W. Carr) by 22 shots to 17 at Kowloon Dock on Sunday.

LATEST CLUB RESULTS

Following are the latest results in intra-club lawn bowls competitions:—

H.K.F.C.

PAIRS COMPETITION

First Round:—S. Hircock and A. Brooksbank beat A. G. Gratton and H. Gelling, 22-20; E. L. Strange and W. Gill beat C. B. Robertson and J. Ralston.

CLUB SINGLES

First Round:—C. F. Needham beat A. G. Gratton, 21-15; K. S. Robertson beat H. Gelling; K. Forrow beat R. P. Shaw, 22-16; H. G. Wallington beat J. M. Thomson.

Second Round:—K. Forrow beat C. J. Lodge, 21-10.

C.C.C.

SENIOR SINGLES

First Round:—A. J. Coelho beat S. R. Solina, 21-17.

JUNIOR SINGLES

First Round:—J. H. Xavier beat S. R. Solina; A. J. Coelho beat E. S. Franks, 21-20; M. J. Medina beat R. K. Pavri; S. Leonard beat W. J. Curd; G. S. Ladd beat E. Zimmern.

Second Round:—W. Ward beat D. A. Rozario.

SOOSE DEFEATS CELLI

Billy Soose, middleweight boxing champion by decree of the New York Boxing Commission kayoed Toni Celli in the 2nd round on July 11.—Reuter.

Entries for the hockey (on roller skates) competition, sponsored by "Chi Yin Yat Po", closes to-day.

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The totalisator turnover for 16 States in America exceeded G.$408,000,000 last year. In addition to the tote—the only legalised form of course betting—there is a tremendous volume of "off-the-course" business.

FIREWORKS RACED TWICE IN AN AFTERNOON ON 3 OCCASIONS

Nowadays few owners or trainers would countenance running a high-class three-year-old twice in the same afternoon, but John Tait did that with Fireworks on three different occasions in the 1867-68 season. At Flemington on Nov. 27, 1867, he ran Fireworks in the Duke of Edinburgh Stakes, a handicap, 1½ mile and a distance. The colt finished third, and, with one race intervening, won the Galatea Stakes, a two-mile race for three-year-olds. On the following New Year's Day Fireworks won the Derby, 1½ mile, at Flemington, and was then saddled up for the next race, the Midsummer Handicap, 1¾ mile, in which he carried top weight, 9.0 (minimum 8st.), and won easily from the aged gelding Toryboy in 3.0.

Fireworks was then taken to Tasmania, and at Launceston on Feb. 20 won the St. Leger. His next run was in the St. Leger at Flemington on March 21, and that proved soft for him. Then he was brought back to Sydney, and, though beaten by his stable-companion Glencoe in the St. Leger at Randwick on April 25, won the All-Aged Stakes, 1 mile, and the Autumn Brute Stakes, 1¼ mile, on May 1. He finished by winning the Randwick Handicap, 1¼ mile, with 9.4 (minimum 6st.), on May 2. At the commencement of that season he was unplaced in the Melbourne Cup, then run on the first day of the meeting, Thursday, Oct. 31; won the Derby on the second day—there were two Derbies at Flemington that season—and ran second in the All-Aged Stakes, 1 mile, on the third day. John Tait believed in getting all that was possible out of his horses. As a four-year-old Fireworks was weighted at 9.0 (minimum 8.7) for the Melbourne Cup, those above him being Sydney Tim Whiffler and Tipo Barb, 10.4 each.

Mohawks Play Heads-Up Baseball To Beat Up Mindanaoans

South China Strike Form To Down Sappers

LEACH STILL TOPS S'HAI. AVERAGES

Following the League cricket matches in Shanghai last week-end, quite a re-shuffle has been effected in the batting and bowling averages, and though Donald Leach still tops the batting with an average of 82, his figure dropped by about 50 per cent. Next on the list is L. F. Stokes, another Shanghai cricketer well-known in Hong Kong, whose average is 41 for 4 innings played.

A comparison between his figures and Leach's and are as follows:

	I.	H.S.	T. N. O.	Avge.
Leach	4	76	164 2	82
Stokes	4	40	123 1	41

While Leach is fairly low down in the bowling averages, with 6 wickets for 114 runs, Stokes is second with the same number of wickets for 39 runs. Top of the list is F. R. Kermani, whose 18 wickets have cost him 6.5 runs apiece.

League standings to date are:

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
S.C.C. Wanderers	4	4	0	0	12
S.C.C. Stragglers	4	4	0	0	12
Police R.C.	4	1	2	1	4
Recs. Tyros	4	2	2	0	6
Recs. Colts	4	0	3	1	1
Parsee C.C.	4	0	4	0	0

REDDINGTON BEATS ROBINSON ON POINTS

Conceding Alf. Robinson, Leeds, 4lb., Tom Reddington, Salford heavy-weight, defeated him on points at Belle Vue, Manchester, staging the best fight of his career in the process writes Norman Hurst.

He boxed cooly and cleverly, paving the way to victory with a stiff left to the face in the early stages.

"The contest was open, and a hardfought one from bell to bell.

Robinson found too late that his best punch would have been a right to the body instead of trying this blow on the bobbing head of his opponent.

I have watched Reddington in many matches, and viewing the constant danger of the hard-punching Yorkshireman's deliveries, I rule last night's victory as the best on Reddington's record.

The crowd is now asking for Reddington and Martin.

Fusilier Pierce Ellis, Manchester, met Len Massey, Salford, who substituted for Kid Tanner, the referee stopping the fight in the third round after Massey had been down for a count of nine.

Gill (Nottingham) beat Jones (Coalville) on points; Wilson (Salford) defeated Britner (Manchester), fight being stopped in third round.

MCAVOY'S CHALLENGE

Jook McAvoy, middle-weight champion has challenged Tom Reddington, Manchester, to a bout at 13st.

But Reddington's manager, Mr. Walter Metcalfe, points out that he is now a heavy-weight and could not entertain the idea of a contest at the weight stipulated.

He offers to meet McAvoy at catch-weights.

Edwin S. Hill, West Indies all-round cricketer, will play professionally for Spen Victoria. He is 13th Test player engaged in Bradford League.

GUNBOAT-HURLER PAWLOSKI YANKED IN FIFTH: ARM INJURY PREVENTS MOUND WIZARD FROM PITCHING AT HIS BEST

By "Grandstand"

PLAYING HEADS-UP BALL ALL THE WAY LAST SUNDAY, CHUCK WAGGONER'S MARAUDING MOHAWKS DISPLAYED EXCELLENT FORM BY TOPPLING THE LEAGUE-LEADING MINDANAO MACE-MAULERS 7 TO 4, FOR THE SEASON'S BIGGEST UPSET, WHILST SOUTH CHINA CHALKED UP THEIR FIRST VICTORY OF THE SEASON BY SHADING ROYAL ENGINEERS 8 TO 7 ON SATURDAY.

The Mohawk upset just about ends all hope of Mindanao rejecting the points forfeited by Hong Kong Brewers, and the affair might as well as be filed away as finished business.

Although Mohawk mound victor Larry Lawrence, the Lone Star Ranger, in a return to the hillock, was nicked for nine safeties, six Mindanaomen went down swinging at his teasing side-arm slants. He only passed four to first.

Losing pitcher Pawloski was chased off the hill in the fifth after conceding four blows, fanning three and walking two — he was, however, nursing a strained arm. Henry "Crooner" Ruel finished the game, but the damage had already been done.

Minnies Score First

Nip Lum, Chuck Waggoner and Den Crary went out in order in the initial frame for no count, whilst the Minnies dented the pay-off station twice on three solid blows in their half of the frame. In the next canto Pet Elder slashed out a two-bagger, but was left stranded as Waller grounded out, whilst the Pawloskimen added another tally on a single and a fumble.

In the third game Mohawks broke the ice with a cluster of four tallies on two hits, assisted by a couple of bobbles, to take the lead, but Bob Strahl evened the count 4-4 on two successive singles and a fumble.

Coming into the fifth Lum singled, whilst Waggoner worked relief hurler Ruel for a pass. With ducks in the pond, Den Crary hoisted a fly to right which gardener Kennard muffed for Lum to cross the plate in a cloud of dust.

Waggoner Scores

Lawrence flied out to right again, but Waggoner scored, whilst Pinky Higgins tapped out a roller for Crary to ride home with another marker. In the Mindanao half, Bowersox stood still on a groover, whilst Kennard and Strahl flied out for no gain. In the sixth Wong, Oliver and Lum were erased in order for a Mohawk no-run, no-hit chapter.

A wild heave, followed by a perfect dump, put angels on the lily paths for the Minnies. Tony Mascavage, cloud-bumping hind-snatcher, strolled up to the platter with his pet mace, but to his disgust and the Mohawk rooters' delight, he was given an intentional pass on four pitches, to load the sacks. With the tieing run on base, keystoner Ray Wilson took three healthy cuts at the ozone for the rally to die out.

Coming into the seventh, still three runs behind, Bowersox poled out a ripping two-bagger, but the Waggonermen dished out some smart fielding to smother the last-minute effort.

Newcomers Shine

Henry "Crooner" Ruel and Tony Mascavage both clouted for a two-in-three figure, whilst Bowersox banged out a double and a single in his four trips to the platter.

Nip Lum and Johnnie Wong, latest additions to the Tribe, worked in complete harmony around the key-stone and completed the only twin-killing of the tussle, when Nip Lum froze on to Bowersox's stinging liner, and relayed the pill to Wong to double Tony Mascavage, who left second with the crack of the bat. Five Waggonermen died on the sacks, whilst eleven potential Mindanao runs were left stranded.

South China Improve

South China showed a marked improvement by nosing out the Sappers 8 to 7 to avenge their former defeat.

Sapper moundsman Mickey Sarsfield was blasted out of the box in the second frame, after walking one and conceding four hits. First-sacker Mack Shaw, called in to finish the game, doled out three safeties, whiffed three, and handed out free transportations to first to five Caroliners. Nam Hwa hurler Paul Lau sustained a cramp in the sixth and was derricked in favour of "Shorty" Pau.

Sappers' Bases Loaded

The Caroliners counted once, when they managed to piece together a walk, a steal, a sacrifice and a single in the first canto, but really started going to town in the second semester as Ernie Moy, Paul Lau and Cecil Winglee spiked the rubber on a trio of safeties. In the Sappers' half they produced a real threat, as Jimmy Welford drew a pass on the gravy train, a single by Mike Sarsfield and another walk, saturated the sacks with Sappers and only one out.

The uprising was quelled as Gray fanned the breeze for the second erasure, whilst centre-gardener Cecil Winglee ran back a couple of city blocks to pull down Cork's long hoist, which was labelled, with a single-handed stab that had the stands on their feet.

The Caroliners tallied twice more in the third and fifth frames to chalk up a total of eight markers, whilst Sappers could only manufacture one in each of the third and fifth, and that was the way they went into the last session.

Nightmarish Inning

The Nam Hwamen were blanked in their half, whilst pilot Hal Winglee went grabbing for the smelling salts as the Sappers counted five times—one short of knotting the count—on five costly errors. Jones was pegged off second to end the night-marish inning.

South China right gardener Willie Kwan slashed out two singles in his two batting attempts for a perfect 1,000 figure.

Sapper Bob Foley, whose main stock-in-trade consists of banging out sharp singles through the infield, connected for a handsome three-in-four figure, and incidentally is the first one to park a ball out of the park at Railway Corner. Your scribe got despatches all crossed up last Saturday, and gave the credit to Flash Ratcliffe.

BASEBALL LEAGUE TABLE TO DATE

	W.	L.	Pctg.
U.S.S. Mindanao	5	1	.833
H.K. Brewers	4	1	.800
Chung Hwa	3	2	.600
U.S.S. Asheville	1	1	.500
H.K. Baseballers	3	4	.429
Royal Engineers	2	4	.333
South China	1	4	.200

DID YOU KNOW?

Elmer Flick, Cleveland, won the American League batting championship in 1905 with a slim .306 average. Larry Doyle of the Giants was the National League title-holder in 1915 with a .320 figure.

CORRESPONDENCE

BASEBALL LEAGUE DECISION

Sir,—"Sportsman," in his letter yesterday, summed up the whole "baseball dispute" in a nutshell. I agree with him that an example should be taken from Club de Recreio's very sporting gesture.

Incidentally, I see that Mindanao have, since the controversy started, dropped a game. Under the circumstances it can be hardly expected that the baseball public will stomach any suggestion of a withdrawal of the H.B. resignation from the League now, so the obvious thing would be for that team to apply for permission to meet Mindanao in a charity game in aid of the Bomber Fund. After all the publicity they have had over this unpleasant incident, they should prove a wonderful drawing card.—Yours etc.,

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JAPAN AND INDO-CHINA

Reticence About Sumita's Flying Visit To Tokyo

JAPANESE LEAVING SOUTH AFRICA

According to the Japanese Legation in Pretoria about 30 Japanese business men, accompanied by their wives and families, are sailing for Japan aboard the s.s. Manila Maru about July 26.—Reuter.

JAPANESE COMMANDEER TRAINS

A second train was taken off the Peiping-Fusan (Korea) run yesterday afternoon.

This followed the withdrawal of the crack Peiping express last week when it was stated that Japanese military movements were the reason.

According to railway sources in Peiping, five further trains are likely to be withdrawn shortly.

Sleepers may be abolished on the remaining night trains to double their capacity. While no official reason is given, the conclusion to be drawn is obvious.—Reuter.

General Calls On Decoux

MEMBERS OF THE Japanese Economic Mission to Tongking were evasively reticent regarding the importance of General Sumita's recent flying visit to Tokyo.

It is "not known" whether General Sumita brought back any demands regarding the utilisation by the Japanese of naval and air bases in southern Indo-China, it was stated in Hanoi yesterday.

Colonel Saito, representative of the Mission in Saigon, is flying back to Hanoi to-day after a three-day visit for conferences with General Sumita.

The arrival of the Governor-General, brought no new developments yesterday but it is expected that His Excellency will see General Sumita as soon as possible.

The general comment in Hanoi notes the meeting of Admiral Darlan and the Japanese Ambassador in Vichy and expresses the opinion that the French capital is likely to be the centre of immediate developments.—Reuter.

Sumita Calls

MAJOR-GENERAL RAISHIRO SUMITA, HEAD OF THE JAPANESE MILITARY MISSION IN FRENCH INDO-CHINA, CALLED ON THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL, ADMIRAL DECOUX, YESTERDAY AFTERNOON, STATED A HANOI DESPATCH TO TOKYO LAST NIGHT.

The Japanese Domei News Agency stated that it is understood General Sumita "thanked Admiral Decoux for his recent action in conferring Annamite decorations on members of the Mission."—Reuter.

HEAVY RAID ON TRIPOLI & BENGHAZI

Benghazi and Tripoli were raided by the Royal Air Force, and Tripoli also by the Fleet Air Arm on Saturday night. Details of these actions are given in the following R.A.F. Middle East communique:

"Heavy bombers of the R.A.F. continued their attacks on the harbour at Benghazi. On the night of July 19, 20 bombs were dropped at the base of Cathedral Mole, near military headquarters, government buildings and railway sidings.

Fires and explosions were caused by a bombing attack the previous night, and our bombers also attacked military objectives in Tripoli, and bombs exploding on the power station blew masonry into the air.

"Fighter aircraft of the Royal Air Force drove off a number of bombers escorted by German fighters which attempted to attack our shipping off the north African coast.

"THE AERODROME AT CANTANIA WAS BOMBED AND MACHINE-GUNNED BY AIRCRAFT OF THE FLEET AIR ARM DURING THE NIGHT OF JULY 18—19, AND TWO OF OUR AIRCRAFT ARE MISSING."—REUTER.

Bangkok Hesitant

Experienced observers in Bangkok hestitate to venture an opinion on developments in Tokyo.

Gloomy forebodings have come from various sources bracketing Thailand and Indo-China.

Observers hold that if Indo-China is about to become a Syria of the Far East, then Thailand's position is not dissimilar from Turkey's as both are determined to safeguard their independence and to maintain their neutrality. — Reuter.

BERLIN'S SUDDEN AGITATION

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there is certainly some indication that the Turks would welcome a compromise settlement.

Assurance To Britain

At the same time, as recently as two days ago, the British representative in Ankara was formally assured that Turkey would never become a second Bulgaria and that German troops would never be permitted to use Turkish communications for passage to the east.

According to current reports, the Germans have offered to build modern highways across Turkey to Syria in return for various Turkish products.—Reuter.

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